

6 NEWS 11/2/66 Kennedy Family Gives Autopsy Data to U. S.

Photo and X-rays of the autopsy on the body of President John F. Kennedy — never seen by the Warren Commission — have been turned over to the National Archives by his family.

The family's action taken at the request of the Justice Department, was disclosed yesterday by a Department spokesman in answer to questions as to the whereabouts of the pictures — 14 X-rays, 25 black and white negatives, and 26 color transparencies.

The pictures were taken during the autopsy performed on the slain President at Bethesda Naval Medical Center on the night of Nov. 22-23, 1963. Two of the three pathologists who performed the post-mortem examination verified the pictures, officials said.

CRITICISM

The spokesman said recent criticism of the Warren Commission's investigation of the assassination was indirectly responsible for the Department's request that the family turn the pictures over to the National Archives.

Warren Commission Report critics have made much of the

fact that the pictures were available for study by they ever actually seen by commission members.

The executors of the late President John F. Kennedy and Robert F. Kennedy (D., N.Y.; Edward M. Keenan, Mass.) — agreed to turn the pictures, but with limitations on their use.

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For the first five starting now, no non-mental agency will be permitted to see the pictures unless reception is made by the Kennedy family; after five access will be limited to pathologists and other medical experts and investigators "serious purpose."

The ban is to be in effect during the lifetimes of the President's widow, children and his brothers and sisters.

The family's release of the pictures followed the Department's action in ordering all evidence in the Warren Commission's possession considered preserved in the national archives. (UPD)