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## OFFICIAL COMMENTS ON INQUIRY REPORT

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 11 (AP) — Louisiana's Attorney General, William Guste, acknowledged today that some members of the biracial commission investigating the deaths of two Southern University students had concluded that both were killed by a single shotgun blast, but he denied reports that identification of the person who fired the fatal shot was near.

Mr. Guste, questioned about a report in the New York Times, said the 12-member commission had reached no consensus on the issue of who had fired the fatal shots.

The Times, quoting sources close to the investigation, said yesterday that officials "have just about pinpointed the spot" from which the shots were fired and some members believe it is possible to identify who fired the shot.

The Times also repeated earlier reports that the commission was expected to conclude that the same shotgun blast killed Leonard Douglas Brown and Denver A. Smith in a confrontation with the police in front of the school administration building Nov. 16.

BATON ROUGE, La., Dec. 11 (UPI) — Gov. Edwin W. Edwards said today the former Executive Editor of the Times, Turner Catledge, might have leaked a dispatch that said members of a commission were critical of the police and the Governor.

Mr. Catledge, a member of the Commission, said, "I have nothing to say about this story."