

# Warren Panel Heard Story

Washington (AP) — The Warren Commission discussed a report that Lee Harvey Oswald had worked as an FBI undercover agent for more than a year before the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, according to a recently declassified commission transcript.

Members of the commis-

sion, including the late Chief Justice Earl Warren and Gerald R. Ford, then a congressman, discussed the report at a closed session on Jan. 22, 1964.

The transcript remained classified top secret for 11 years until released to Harold Weisberg, an author who had filed suit under the Freedom

of Information Act. Weisberg has written numerous books and articles criticizing the Warren Commission investigation and its conclusion that Oswald, acting alone, killed Kennedy in Dallas, Tex., on Nov. 22, 1963.

At the start of the meeting, J. Lee Rankin, general counsel of the commission, said he had been told by Waggoner Carr, Texas attorney general, that "the word had come out . . . that Oswald was acting as an FBI undercover agent and that they (Carr's office) had his badge number, 179, and that he was being paid \$200 a month from September 1962 up through the time of the assassination."

Rankin said he had talked to Henry Wade, Dallas district attorney, who told him the source of the report was a member of the press.

"There is a denial of this in one of these FBI records, as you know," interjected the late Rep. Hale Boggs (D-La),

another commission member. It wasn't clear just what was being denied.

Later, Rankin commented that he and Warren had dis-

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cussed the report and "we said if that was true and it ever came out and could be established, then you would have people think that there

was a conspiracy to accomplish this assassination, that nothing the commission did or anybody could dissipate."

"Oh, terrible," said the late Allen Dulles, former director of the Central Intelligence Agency and also a member of the Warren Commission.

"The implications of this are fantastic, don't you think so?" asked Boggs.

"Terrific," commented an unidentified participant.