

Boggs Rejects Plot Theory, Says Oswald Acted Alone

Rep. Hale Boggs (D-La.) said yesterday that "every scintilla of evidence" shows that Lee Harvey Oswald was a "loner" without confederates when he assassinated President Kennedy.

Boggs, who was a member of the Warren Commission that investigated the assassination, rejected the conspiracy theory suggested recently by critics of the Commission's investigation and report.

Boggs said that during the investigation he went to the place where Oswald fired the shots, lifted Oswald's rifle to his own shoulder and sighted through the telescopic lens.

"Almost any marksman, using a telescopic sight, could have performed that dastardly deed," Boggs said under questioning on the "Face the Nation" television program (CBS-WTOP).

The Congressman said some people would rather believe the assassination was a conspiracy—especially people in Europe with its history of conspiracies. Even in the

United States, many people still prefer explanations other than official investigations in the assassinations of Huey Long and Abraham Lincoln, he said.

Boggs also said he fully agrees with the Warren Commission's conclusion that the shots fired in Dallas all came from behind President Kennedy and Gov. John B. Connally of Texas.

He was asked whether he dissented from the Commission's view that one of the shots hit both Kennedy and Connally—a view that Connally has disagreed with.

Boggs replied that the Com-

mission called the evidence "persuasive" on that point and that its report was unanimous although there was disagreement among Commission members over language in several places in the report.

"Assuming that Connally is right," said Boggs, "I think it is well established that all bullets came from the rear."

If any new evidence is brought out to shed new light on the assassination, Boggs said, he would favor bringing it out. So far, he said, none has and he opposes suggestions for a new investigation that would simply go over the same evidence as the Warren Commission.