

Quotations in 1966 Kennedy book 'false'

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TWO lawyers and an official connected with the Warren Commission, which was set up to investigate the Kennedy assassination, have now denied statements attributed to them by Mr. Edward Jay Epstein in his controversial book "Inquest."

This is revealed in a leading article, entitled "The Mysteries of the Kennedy Assassination and the English Press," published in the *Law Quarterly Review* by Prof. A. L. Goodhart, the international lawyer and former Master of University College, Oxford.

Prof. Goodhart says that most reviewers in the English Press accepted statements in Epstein's book, which supported the author's argument that the commission was an inept "front" body concerned only with assuaging public unease in the United States and issuing a "whitewashing" report.

Mr. Joseph Ball, a leading California lawyer, is quoted in Epstein's book as saying that commission staff did all the investigating and commission members themselves "had no idea what was happening."

But Prof. Goodhart says Ball told him that the quotations were "wrong and false" and that he met Epstein only once for 10 minutes in a hotel lobby.

"Distortions of record"

Another commission lawyer, a Mr. Redlich, is said to have written to Prof. Goodhart stating: "Frankly I am appalled by the inaccuracies of the book and the statements which he has attributed to me which I never made."

Prof. Wesley Liebeler is quoted by Epstein as saying the commission did nothing. Liebeler has now denied this and has written to Goodhart stating that he and his fellows on the commission staff were "particularly incensed at Epstein's misstatements or distortions of the record."

Prof. Goodhart also warns against believing that all critics of the Warren Commission report were inspired by motives of abstract justice. He suggests that some, particularly those of the extreme left, may have been more interested in producing "a most powerful anti-American propaganda weapon."