

Hoover Asserts Warren Critics Ignore and Misinterpret Facts

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FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover rapped critics of the Warren Commission report on the assassination of President Kennedy yesterday, saying they ignored certain facts, misinterpreted others and expressed pure speculation as truth.

In a statement, Hoover said also:

"Not one shred of evidence has been developed to link any other person in a conspiracy with Lee Harvey Oswald to assassinate President Kennedy."

"While there is a differ-

ence in the information reported by the FBI and the information contained in the autopsy report concerning the wounds, there is no conflict."

• The FBI never altered the film of the assassination taken by Abraham Zapruder, a bystander.

Hoover made the comments in a statement requested by the Evening Star and made available to other news media.

Hoover devoted most of the statement to explaining differences between FBI reports of the Kennedy autopsy and the official report.

"The FBI reports record oral

statements made by autopsy physicians while the examination was being conducted and before all the facts were known. The autopsy report records the final findings of the examination," Hoover said.

Hoover recalled that when the autopsy was conducted at the Bethesda Naval Hospital on the evening of Nov. 22, 1963—the day Mr. Kennedy was shot—two FBI agents were present. He said:

"They reported that Dr. James J. Humes, chief autopsy surgeon, located what appeared to be a bullet hole in the back below the shoulder and probed it to the end of the opening with a finger. The examining physicians were unable to explain why they could find no bullet exit point of exit."

But Hoover said that, unknown to the agents, the physicians eventually were able to trace the path of the bullet through the body.

Hoover Says Facts Show Oswald Alone Was Kennedy Killer

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By FRED P. GRAHAM
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WASHINGTON, Nov. 25—

J. Edgar Hoover said today that no evidence had been found to indicate that Lee Harvey Oswald had had an accomplice in the assassination of President Kennedy.

"All available evidence points to one conclusion—that Oswald acted alone in his crime," the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation said in a statement.

"Not one shred of evidence has been developed to link any other person in a conspiracy with Oswald to assassinate President Kennedy," Mr. Hoover said.

Explains Discrepancies

Commenting for the first time on the controversy over the adequacy of the Warren Commission's report of the assassination, Mr. Hoover said the critics had ignored or misinterpreted the facts.

He also gave the first official explanation of the discrepancy between the two F.B.I. reports on the assassination and the Warren Report. The F.B.I. reports said the bullet that struck Mr. Kennedy below the back of the neck had not passed through the President's body. The Warren Report concluded that the bullet had passed through President Kennedy and had wounded the Texas Governor, John B. Connally Jr.

Mr. Hoover said that statements in the first F.B.I. report, dated Dec. 9, 1963, had been based upon comments made

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