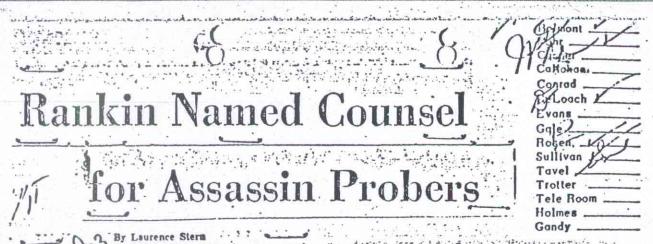
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Former U.S. General J. Leo Rankin was the Commission on request. named yesterday as chief Oswald's fingerprints and counsel for the Presidential palm prints have been re-Commission investigating the covered from the Italian carassassination of President bine rifle, a 6.5 mm. Mann-Kennedy. .

chairman of the special panel, ported. announced Rankin's appointment and said he "is now in found on a box at the sixththe performance of his floor sniper post from which duties."

tice are old courtroom murder weapon into the Texas acquaintances. As Solicitor General from 1956 to 1961, ing. Rankin was the Government's top lawyer in cases before the Supreme Court.

A slight, soft-spoken man of 56, Rankin Is the first staff appointee hired by the presidential panel. The announcement described him as a "distinguished lawyer."

A spokesman for the Com mission announced that each of its seven members has recelved copies of the five-voltime FBI report on the Nov. 22 assassination of President Kennedy and the subsequent murder of the suspected assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald. The FBI report does not flatly assert that Oswald was the President's assassin, ac-

out it does recite a mass of circumstantial evidence that, in the view of investigators, points to Oswald as the fatal sniper beyond doubt

Physical evidence in the case-Oswald's Italian carbine siderable sensitivity on this rifle, is revolver, three spent point because of criticisms cartridges from the assassing surrounding the handling of tion scene, a shirt, fingerprints the case by Dallas police. and several documents — are The final responsibility for sinder lock and key in the FBI passing verdict on Oswald

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Additional prints were uties." . Rankin and the Chief Jus-which Oswald carried the School Book Depository Bulld-

> Another link in the circumstantial chain of evidence were shreds of material found in metal parts of the murder weapon that microscopic examination showed to have come from a brown shirt Oswald was wearing when he was arrested.

The bulky FBI report consists of two volumes of narrative, developed in chronological form, and three separate volumes of supporting evidence, principally photographs and documents.

Commission spokesman A said vesterday that "no further announcement will be made concerning the report until the Commission had an oppor-

ficial sources that the FBI re-frained explicitly from naming. Oswald as President Ken-REG-nedy's assassin. There is con-

ren and his Investigating Commission, authorities say. In another development the

In another development the House yesterday passed and, sent to the White House a measure granting subpoena powers to the Warren Com-mission The Construction mission. The Senate passed a identical measure Monday.

The resolutions also gran the Commission authority grant witnesses Immuni from future prosecution as result of their testimony. Th step is designed to encourage witnesses to talk who might otherwise decline to testify a grounds of possible selfcrimination.

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