

Johnson had doubts about Oswald

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Former President Johnson was reported today to have deleted from a forthcoming television interview some remarks in which he questioned the main conclusion of the Warren commission's investigation into the death of President Kennedy.

Mr. Johnson's comments in the interview, to be broadcast on Saturday, concerned his reservations about the commission's finding that President Kennedy was murdered by a lone assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald.

Apparently Mr. Johnson asked for the deletions on the ground of "national security" after listening to the sound track of the interview about three weeks ago.

According to the Washington Post, which received details of the incident from sources in the broadcasting company, Mr. Johnson had been asked by the interviewer, Mr. Walter Cronkite, for his opinion of the Warren commission's conclusions.

He replied that he had never been "absolutely" satisfied with the commission's report. In particular, he expressed doubts about the "motivations and connexions" of Oswald, apparently referring to his supposed relationship with the Communist Party and the circumstances of his defection to the Soviet Union.

The reservations expressed by the former President, who himself set up the Warren commission, are certain to encourage renewed criticisms from the determined band of sceptics who have consistently questioned its conclusions.

One critic of the commission's report, Mr. Harold Weisberg, told me today that Mr. Johnson's comments cast doubt on "the basic conclusion of the Warren report that Lee Harvey Oswald was entirely alone and entirely unassisted. The President himself believed otherwise and believed his own Warren report was wrong."

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