

RFK "Didn't Believe" Warren Commission

A CBS cameraman has said that Robert Kennedy told him that he didn't believe the conclusions of the Warren Report and that he planned to re-open the JFK case if he became President. Walter Dumbrow made the comment July 31 in Boston, following the showing of the Abraham Zapruder film of the Kennedy Assassination at Boston University by Cambridge's Assassination Information Bureau (AIB). Dumbrow, a veteran CBS cameraman who covered Robert Kennedy's ill-fated presidential campaign in 1968, was asked whether RFK had ever talked to him about the Warren Report. (The report concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald was the only person involved in the JFK murder.) "Bobby said he never believed the Warren Report," recalled Dumbrow, "and he definitely planned to re-open the investigation if he became President." Dumbrow's comments came as a surprise to Bernard Birnbaum, his CBS producer. "Did Bobby really tell you that?" asked Birnbaum who was in Boston with Dumbrow to attend the screening of the controversial Zapruder film. Birnbaum is producing the JFK segment of the two hour Nov. 20 documentary the network is preparing on the shootings of the Kennedys, Martin Luther King, Jr. and George Wallace.

For many years, the belief that the Kennedys went along with the official version of their brother's death was regarded as the major obstacle to re-opening the JFK investigation. Indeed, one powerful California congressman, Philip Burton, vowed to block recently introduced legislation calling for a new investigation of the JFK case until he is convinced Edward Kennedy favors such a move. Sen. Kennedy has said that he would welcome another inquiry if "new" evidence warrants it.