

MCCLOY DISCLOSED IN A TELEvised INTERVIEW (FACE THE NATION--CBS) THAT CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, THE COMMISSION CHAIRMAN, DISCUSSED THE PHOTOGRAPHS WITH THE KENNEDY FAMILY, WHICH HAD THEM DURING THE INQUIRY.

"I THOUGHT THAT HE WAS REALLY GOING TO SEE THEM, BUT IT TURNED OUT THAT HE HADN'T," MCCLOY SAID. THE FILMS SUBSEQUENTLY WERE TURNED OVER TO THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES WITH STRICT PROVISIONS AGAINST VIEWING BY THE PUBLIC.

"I THINK THERE'S ONE THING I WOULD DO OVER AGAIN," HE SAID. "I WOULD INSIST ON THOSE PHOTOGRAPHS AND THE X-RAYS HAVING BEEN PRODUCED BEFORE US."


"WE COULDN'T HAVE INTERPRETED THE X-RAYS IF WE'D HAD THEM," HE SAID. "BUT PROBABLY IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER TO HAVE HAD THEM FOR THE SAKE OF COMPLETENESS IN VIEW OF ALL THE TO-DO THAT'S OCCURRED SINCE."

HE WAS REFERRING TO QUESTIONS RAISED ABOUT THE AUTOPSY ON THE BASIS OF AN FBI AGENT'S PRELIMINARY REPORT, LATER OFFICIALLY DISAVOURED, THAT DOCTORS PLACED THE FIRST BULLET WOUND LOWER IN THE BACK THAN WHERE THEY FINALLY ESTABLISHED IT. 61-7/9/67 - 6/01

HE WAS NONCOMMITAL ABOUT SUGGESTIONS THAT AN INDEPENDENT MEDICAL EXAMINER VIEW THE X-RAYS AND RECORDS TO CORROBORATE THE AUTOPSY TESTIMONY.
"I have no doubt under proper arrangements that at any time those could be examined," he said, noting that the commission no longer exists and that the rules always had been set by the government. McCloy stood by the commission's conclusion that Lee Harvey Oswald killed Kennedy and was not part of any conspiracy. He said he had heard of no evidence that might warrant reopening the commission's inquiry.

He also dismissed as "a little incredible" the possibility of what his questioner called a "most heinous and massive conspiracy of all time, involving the very highest levels of government."

McCloy said such a conspiracy would have had to involve cabinet members, the FBI and other federal agencies and the commission itself, whose members "weren't beholden to any administration."

The idea of a whitewash under those circumstances, he said, would have been a "conspiracy of a character so mammoth and so vast that it transcends even some of the distorted charges of conspiracy on the part of Oswald."