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April 18 (EIRNS)—Tapes released April 15 by the National Archives and Lyndon Baines Johnson Library show LBJ's disbelief of what has come to be known as "the magic bullet theory" that was the linchpin in the final Warren Commission Report. according to the New York

Times. The report concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in assassinating President Kennedy, and fired only three shots. The three-shot argument hinged on the Commission finding that Kennedy and John Connally were struck almost instantaneously by the single "magic bullet." Connally dfed last year and his family would not allow the recovery of bullet fragments still in his body.

Released was a taped conversation in which Johnson called Sen. Richard Russell of the Warren Commission to discuss the Commission's progress. Russell offered that the report would note disagreement within the panel over whether Connally had been hit by another bullet. Russell stated, "But the Commission believes that the same bullet that hit Kennedy hit Connally. Wen, I don't believe it." Johnson replied, "I don't eit., "."