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(KENNEDY ASSASSINATION)

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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- LEE HARVEY OSWALD WAS TELLING THE TRUTH WHEN HE SAID HE DID NOT KILL PRESIDENT KENNEDY, ACCORDING TO A FORMER CIA OFFICIAL WHO USED AN ADVANCED TYPE OF LIE DETECTOR ON THE RECORDINGS OF OSWALD'S STATEMENTS.

IN A BOOK WHICH CONTENDS THAT OSWALD WAS "FRAMED," POSSIBLY BY EMPLOYEES OF THE DALLAS POLICE FORCE AND THE FBI, AUTHOR GEORGE O'TOOLE BASED HIS CONCLUSION PRIMARILY ON THE MEASUREMENTS OF A DEVICE INVENTED IN 1970 KNOWN AS THE PSYCHOLOGICAL STRESS EVALUATOR -- OR PSE.

"PRESIDENT KENNEDY WAS KILLED BY A CONSPIRACY," SAID O'TOOLE, 38, WHO WAS CHIEF OF THE CIA PROBLEM ANALYSIS BRANCH FROM 1968 TO 1979. "THE MAN WHO PAID WITH HIS LIFE FOR THAT CRIME IN THE BASEMENT OF THE DALLAS CITY HALL WAS INNOCENT."

ADVANCE COPIES OF O'TOOLE'S BOOK, "THE ASSASSINATION TAPES," WERE MADE AVAILABLE TODAY TO THE NEWS MEDIA AND AN EXCERPT WAS PUBLISHED IN THE APRIL ISSUE OF PENTHOUSE.

O'TOOLE SAID LEADING AUTHORITIES ON LIE DETECTION AND THE PSE WHO EXAMINED OSWALD'S STATEMENTS AGREE THAT HE TOLD THE TRUTH.

THE MACHINE MEASURES CHANGES IN HUMAN VOICE FREQUENCIES, AND WHEN THE MODULATION DISAPPEARS, IT IS AS A RESULT OF STRESS AND IS A STRONG INDICATION THE SPEAKER IS LYING.

"HIS (OSWALD'S) CATEGORICAL DENIAL THAT HE SHOT ANYONE CONTAINS ALMOST NO STRESS AT ALL," O'TOOLE SAID. "STRESS IS A NECESSARY, BUT NOT SUFFICIENT, CONDITION OF LYING..."

"BUT THE ABSENCE OF STRESS IS A SUFFICIENT CONDITION OF TRUTHFULNESS ... OSWALD DENIED SHOOTING ANYBODY -- THE PRESIDENT, THE POLICEMAN (J.D. TIPPITT), ANYBODY. THE PSYCHOLOGICAL STRESS EVALUATOR SAID HE WAS TELLING THE TRUTH."

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