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Professor Feels Oswald Had a Double

NEW YORK, July 17 (AP) — A California educator said today that an analysis of the Warren Commission report and two new books on the Kennedy assassination provide "compelling" substantiation of the theory that Lee Harvey Oswald was part of a conspiracy.

Writing in the New York Review of Books, Prof. Richard H. Popkin of the University of California at San Diego contended the Commission's conclusion that Oswald was a loner is not consistent with much of the material in its 26-volume report on the late President's assassination. The professor demanded that the investigation be reopened.

Popkin's own theory is that a man who looked like Oswald and often posed as Oswald was the actual assassin, while Oswald was used to create the illusion that a lonely, alienated man with pro-

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Castro leanings was the sole perpetrator of the crime.

The educator used a review of Edward J. Epstein's "Inquest" and Harold Weisberg's "Whitewash," both of which take issue with the Warren re-

port, as a forum for his own speculation.

Popkin made it clear that he does not believe Oswald was sincere in his pro-Castro activities and that he could have been involved with either right or left wing conspirators.