HEADLINE: Verdict in Oswald Mock Trial Won't Put Case to Rest

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BODY:
Even hi-tech computer animation couldn't help jurors at a mock trial decide whether Lee Harvey Oswald assassinated John F. Kennedy.

The jury deadlocked 7-5 in favor of conviction Tuesday at the end of the two-day trial presented by the American Bar Association, which was holding its annual convention here.

The trial included testimony from witnesses portrayed by actors, computer animation and enhancement of the so-called Zapruder home movie made as the president was shot to death in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

In addition, a hand-held meter was used to measure jurors' reactions to testimony. It showed that they found prosecutor James Brosnahan decreasingly convincing as he described the attack - about a four on a 1-to-10 scale.

"He had this gun, and he had bullets," Brosnahan said during closing arguments, picking up a rifle. "He took this gun, he put it on the window sill ... he aimed at the president of the United States and shot three times."

Defense attorney David Boies argued that the government hadn't met its burden of proof.

"I don't know who did it. We don't have to prove who did it, and by God, if I could, I would," he said. "We don't vindicate a hero's death ... by convicting the wrong person for it."

Oswald, a former Marine who lived in the Soviet Union for a time, was determined by the Warren Commission to have killed Kennedy. He was shot to death by Dallas nightclub owner Jack Ruby two days after his arrest.

Oswald was convicted in another mock trial presented by HBO four years ago. That trial used actual police officers and ballistics experts as witnesses.

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