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Morris Davis was a phony informer of the Birmingham office. The FBI knew he was feeding it bad information, his improvements on street information that was from dubious to inaccurateto begin with. It therefore wished him off on the House assassins committee to bobytrap it of at least waste its time.

I have a small file on him in the basement to which I do not now have safe access.

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I got these and many other records in a FOIA lawsuit, CA 75-1996.

Sincerely,

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HEADLINE: Oswald: Trial by television

BYLINE: Brian Donlon

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KEYWORD: LEE HARVEY OSWALD: COURT TV

BODY:

The USA's most celebrated murder mystery is going to trial and TV viewers can watch it live.

The Trial of the Century: The United States v. Lee Harvey Oswald will air on Court TV Aug. 10-11. The trial of the accused killer of President John F. Kennedy is being presented by the American Bar Association as part of its annual meeting.

"It is based on real evidence," says Court TV vice president Merrill Brown. "There are some very serious people doing some very serious work."

Trial lawyers and federal and state judges will participate. Actors will portray Oswald, his wife, Marina, and some witnesses. The ABA will also use state-of-the-art evidence technology, which Brown says "may shed new light" on the assassination.

Oswald's personal life will also be under the microscope this fall in an NBC miniseries about Marina.

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HEADLINE: Oswald mock trial today

BYLINE: Tony Mauro

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BODY:

Lee Harvey Oswald gets his day in court today.

A two-day mock trial, staged by the litigation section of the American Bar Association, includes computer simulations and a mock-up of President Kennedy's limousine.

Jurors selected from the San Francisco area will listen to the evidence and give a verdict at the end of the trial, which will be televised on cable's Court TV.

Trial organizers say they don't want to fuel conspiracy theories, so they're sticking close to the Warren Commission evidence and the testimony of actual witnesses and experts.

A California company, Failure Analysis Associates, has taken the 1963 evidence and the Zapruder film of the assassination and enhanced it using computer and video techniques.

"It's going to be a very interesting exercise, but no matter what they decide, the controversy won't go away," says James Lesar, of the Assassination Archives and Research Center in Washington.

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BYLINE: Tony Mauro; Robert Davis

DATELINE: SAN FRANCISCO

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BODY:

After nearly 30 years, Lee Harvey Oswald got his day in court.

The American Bar Association, in a mock trial at their convention, applied new technology to an old debate.

But the results were inconclusive: The jury deadlocked after 2 1/2 hours: seven jurors voting guilty, five to acquit.

The trial asked only one question: Did Oswald fire the shot that killed Kennedy?

There were two days of testimony by "witnesses" - portrayed by actors - and a computer-enhanced version of the home movie of the 1963 Dallas assassination.

The video, supporting the "single bullet theory," was pivotal for some jurors.

But five balked, saying:

- The theory Oswald fired a single, magic bullet was unbelievable.
- His motive for killing Kennedy was unclear.
- Many doubts remain.

Says the ABA's Theodore Tetzlaff: "The verdict is a pretty good indication of how people generally feel."

SUBJECT: HISTORY; COURT; PRESIDENCY

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HEADLINE: Mock Oswald trial ends in hung jury

BYLINE: FROM WIRE DISPATCHES AND STAFF REPORTS

DATELINE: SAN FRANCISCO

BODY:

A mock trial jury didn't come any closer to closing the book on Lee Harvey Oswald yesterday. It was hung 7-5 for conviction on a charge of assassinating President Kennedy.

The two-day mock trial presented by the American Bar Association involved testimony from witnesses portrayed by actors, computer animation and enhancement of the Zapruder film, a home movie made as Kennedy was shot to death in Dallas in 1963.

The trial's purpose wasn't to reach a definitive verdict, but to demonstrate advances in the age-old art of lawyering.

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

BYLINE: By ELIZABETH RISBERG, Associated Press Writer

DATELINE: SAN FRANCISCO

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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HEADLINE: MOCK TRIAL JURY SPLITS ON OSWALD'S GUILT IN ASSASSINATION

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DATELINE: SAN FRANCISCO

BODY:

A mock trial jury on Tuesday didn't come any closer to closing the book on questions about Lee Harvey Oswald, splitting 7 to 5 on whether he killed President John F. Kennedy.

The two-day mock trial presented by the American Bar Assn. involved testimony from witnesses portrayed by actors, computer animation and enhancement of the home movie made in 1963 as Kennedy was shot to death in Dallas.

The "verdict" was reached Tuesday afternoon after two hours of deliberation -- an hour longer than originally allotted.

"Obviously the jury didn't deliberate until it reached a unanimous verdict," said Theodore Tetzlaff, chairman of the ABA Special Litigation Section that presented the event. "But we had quite an exciting trial, and I think everyone learned how the technology of the 1990s can be applied to what we do."

Because of the brevity of the trial, there were time constraints on evidence presentation and rebuttal. The purpose was not to come up with a definitive verdict but to demonstrate advances in the art of lawyering, Tetzlaff said.

Oswald, a former U.S. Marine who lived in the Soviet Union for a time, was determined by the Warren Commission to have been the sole assassin. He was slain shortly after his arrest.

The brief presentation of evidence did not explore theories of conspiracy or an additional gunman but rather whether Oswald was responsible for firing the fatal shot.

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