

Prejudging said to mar JFK probe

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Washington (AP)—The author of several books criticizing the official investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy says he has evidence that the Warren Commission prejudged the case.

In a new book published yesterday, Harold Weisberg released a proposed outline of the Warren Commission report which he said established that "the conclusion was determined before the investigation began."

Mr. Weisberg said the outline was submitted to the commission headed by then-Chief Justice Earl Warren in January, 1964, before the panel began its investigation.

Mr. Weisberg said the outline included the assumption that Lee Harvey Oswald was the assassin, a conclusion later reached in the commission's final report.

Several critics, including Mr. Weisberg, have disputed the commission findings that Oswald fired the fatal shots November 22, 1963, in Dallas and that he acted alone.

At a news conference called to discuss his book, Mr. Weisberg called for a "full, impartial and open investigation" of the assassination.

The book, entitled "Post Mortem," was published privately by Mr. Weisberg, who also has published a series of books called "Whitewash," which also disputed the Warren Commission findings.

Mr. Weisberg said his latest

book includes evidence he obtained by filing lawsuits under the Freedom of Information Act. As a result of those suits, material from Warren Commission files stored in the National Archives was turned over to the author.

He said the commission never obtained Mr. Kennedy's death certificate for its investigation.

He also said one of the doctors who participated in the autopsy later burned his notes and a preliminary draft of the autopsy report. Mr. Weisberg called that "a major flaw in any kind of investigation."

The commission outline published by Mr. Weisberg includes a section headed "Lee H. Oswald as the Assassin" and states, "This section should state the facts which lead to the conclusion that Oswald pulled the trigger and should also indicate the elements in the case which have either not been proven or are based on doubtful testimony."

The proposed outline recommended that the report include evidence of Oswald's ownership of the rifle, his presence on the sixth floor of the Texas School Depository Building, his actions after the assassination, his statements after his arrest and evidence of any accomplices.