

New Book Calls Assassination 1-Man Job

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A new book by a reporter covering President Kennedy the day he was assassinated endorses the Warren Commission's conclusion that Lee Harvey Oswald alone killed the President.

The book, "The Truth About

the Assassination," was written by Charles Roberts, White House reporter for Newsweek magazine. It was published Tuesday by Grosset and Dunlap as "the answer to the Warren report critics."

Roberts disagreed with the portrait painted by author William Manchester of Pres-

ident Johnson in the hours after the shooting as Mr. Kennedy's body was being claimed from the Parkland Hospital in Dallas and flown back to Washington in the presidential jet.

Where Manchester depicted Mr. Johnson as awkward, bewildered and overeager to

take over in the hours after Mr. Kennedy's death, Roberts describes his behavior as "careful, correct, considerate and compassionate" aboard the plane.

Roberts and Merriman Smith of the UPI were the only reporters on the flight back from Dallas.

"President Johnson is capable of crudities," Roberts wrote. "Like his predecessors, he can be ruthless, callous, self-centered and profane. But it just happens that on that wretched afternoon, Manchester notwithstanding, he rose to the occasion as few men could after having such an awesome burden suddenly and unceremoniously thrust upon him."