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DOCTOR DISPUTES KENNEDY REPORT

Says Panel Misstated Views
on President's Slaying

PITTSBURGH, June 11 (AP)—

Dr. Cyril Wecht, saying that his views of President Kennedy's murder were distorted by the Rockefeller commission, wants the commission to release a transcript of his statements.

"If that transcript shows in any way I have withdrawn or revised my thoughts of the Warren Report, I'll eat the transcript on steps of the White House," said Dr. Wecht, a forensic pathologist who is the coroner of Allegheny County.

The Central Intelligence Agency report sought to put to rest all of the theories surrounding the circumstances of President Kennedy's death, including claims that more than one gunman was involved and that Mr. Kennedy has been struck by bullets from two directions. The report said it had found no such evidence.

Dr. Wecht denies the statement by the report that he "testified that the available evidence all points to the President being struck by two bullets coming from the rear, and that no support can be found for theories which postulate gunmen to the front or right front of the presidential car."

Dr. Wecht said that was a "flagrant" misrepresentation of

what he told a commission attorney, Robert Olsen, in a five-hour interview on May 7.

He said he still maintained that at least two gunmen were involved in the plot and that Lee Harvey Oswald alone could not have inflicted all the wounds sustained by Mr. Kennedy and former Gov. John B. Connally of Texas.

"Believe me, I hammered this point and made it perfectly clear," Dr. Wecht said. "It is utterly reprehensible and despicable but also a great compliment that they would consider my testimony that much of a threat."

He said he had first become suspicious of the Rockefeller commission's objectivity when David Belin was appointed executive director. Mr. Belin had been chief legal counsel for the Warren Commission.