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## Dr. Wecht Critical Of Assassination Studies

... disputes Rockefeller study's claim he changed his testimony about JFK's shooting

# Testimony On JFK Distorted—Pathologist

Dr. Cyril Wecht, long-time critic of the Warren Report, said in Cincinnati Wednesday that the Rockefeller Commission "deliberately distorted" his testimony concerning the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The forensic pathologist, in Cincinnati to speak at the Ohio Osteopathic Association's convention, gained recognition in 1972 for examining the slain President's autopsy report and stating Lee Harvey Oswald could not have acted alone.

Dr. Wecht said he testified before the Rockefeller Commission (probing domestic spying) on May 7 to prove two gunmen were involved in the assassination and to destroy the "single bullet" theory.

BUT ALL of this testimony "was ignored" in the commission's report on Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) activities, the doctor said. Among other things, the report con-

firmed the earlier Warren Commission finding that neither the CIA nor any person other than Oswald was involved in the assassination.

Dr. Wecht said the Rockefeller Commission has refused to give him a copy of his deposition before the group so it could be distributed to the media.

According to Dr. Wecht, the Rockefeller Commission's report implies he went back on previous statements critical of the Warren Report.

"I have been involved for many years in the assassination and have gained some recognition," he said. "I believe that there may have been some idea that if I rescinded my ideas, it might deflate critics of the Warren Report."

"I'll eat every page if there is any difference," Dr. Wecht said, between his Rockefeller Commission testimony and his previous statements on the assassination.

The controversy surrounding the assassination is concerned with the possibility of two gunmen and the commission chose to ignore evidence that proves this, according to the doctor.

Dr. Wecht, Pittsburgh and Allegheny County coroner, called the executive director of the Rockefeller Commission, David W. Bellin, the "foremost defender and apologist" of the Warren Report. Bellin also served as counsel to the Warren Com-

mission and has publicly defended its report.

DR. WECHT also said it was "unfortunate for everyone, including Senator (Edward) Kennedy" that an autopsy was not performed on Mary Jo Kopechne, who died

after the car in which she and the senator were riding veered off a bridge and into a pond on Chappaquiddick Island, Mass.

"It is horribly stupid not to order an autopsy when a body is recovered from a car in water," he said.