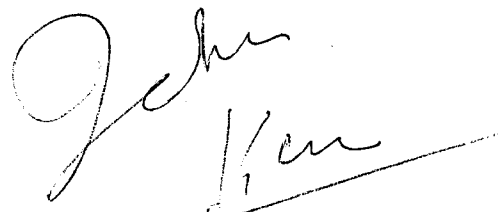


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WASHINGTON (UPI) --A WARREN COMMISSION LAWYER SAID ^{two} MONDAY THERE WAS NO DOUBT THAT LEE HARVEY OSWALD KILLED PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY AND THAT ANOTHER INVESTIGATION COULD NOT TURN UP ANY NEW EVIDENCE TO ALTER THE COMMISSION'S VERDICT.

ARLEN SPECTER, NOW DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF PHILADELPHIA, DEFENDED THE COMMISSION'S REPORT AGAINST RECENT BOOKS AND ARTICLES CRITICIZING THE INVESTIGATION OF THE LATE PRESIDENT'S MURDER.

IN A COPYRIGHTED INTERVIEW IN U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, SPECTER SAID:

"THERE CAN BE NO REAL DOUBT ON THAT SUBJECT, BASED ON THE FACTORS OF OWNERSHIP OF THE WEAPON...THE HANDWRITING LINKS TO OSWALD'S HAVING ORDERED THAT WEAPON, THE FACT THAT IT IS SCIENTIFICALLY, BALLISTICALLY PROVED BEYOND QUESTION THAT THE WHOLE BULLET...CAME FROM THAT WEAPON, THAT THE TWO MAJOR FRAGMENTS FOUND IN THE FRONT SEAT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL LIMOUSINE CAME FROM THAT WEAPON."

"FURTHER INDICATIONS OF OSWALD'S GUILT ARE HIS RAPID EXIT, FLEEING FROM THE SITE OF THE TEXAS SCHOOLBOOK DEPOSITORY BUILDING AND THE LATER KILLING OF OFFICER (J.D.) TIPPIT, WHICH WAS WITNESSED BY SEVERAL PEOPLE, PLUS PHOTOGRAPHS SHOWING OSWALD HOLDING A RIFLE IDENTIFIED AS BEING THE MANNLICHER-CARCANO WHICH WAS USED."

SPECTER SAID THERE WAS OVERWHELMING EVIDENCE THAT THE

SAME BULLET WOUNDED TEXAS GOV. JOHN B. CONNALLY AND THERE WAS NOTHING TO INDICATE OSWALD ACTED AS PART OF A CONSPIRACY.

"THE COMMISSION LEFT NO STONE UNTURNED TO TRACK DOWN OSWALD'S BACKGROUND TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE, ZPECTER SAID, "TO SEE IF HE HAD DEALINGS WITH ANYONE ELSE WHO MIGHT HAVE BEEN A CO-CONSPIRATOR."

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NEVERTHELESS, A PUBLIC OPINION POLL SHOWED MONDAY THAT AMERICANS, BY A 3-TO-2 MARGIN, REJECT THE THEORY THAT OSWALD ACTED ALONE IN ASSASSINATING THE PRESIDENT.

THE HARRIS SURVEY SAID THAT 46 PER CENT OF THOSE POLLED THOUGHT OSWALD WAS PART OF A BROADER PLOT, 34 PER CENT BELIEVED HE ACTED ALONE AND 20 PER CENT WERE NOT SURE.

IT NOTED THAT DISBELIEF OF THE WARREN COMMISSION'S CONCLUSION THAT OSWALD WAS SOLELY RESPONSIBLE PERSISTED MOSTLY AMONG LOWER-INCOME, LESS-EDUCATED AMERICANS. AMONG COLLEGE GRADUATES, 36 PER CENT BELIEVED OSWALD WAS PART OF A CONSPIRACY, WHILE 45 PER CENT AGREED WITH THE WARREN COMMISSION. NINETEEN PER CENT WERE NOT SURE.

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