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BY PRESIDENT H. KENNEDY

MEMPHIS (UPI)--A NEW GOVERNMENT STUDY OF THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY LAST WEEK'S CONCLUSION CLAIMS THE SLAYER WAS A CONSPIRACY AND SEVERAL INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED, ALL OF WHOM ARE STILL BEING SEARCHED.

THE MAJOR CONCLUSIONS OF A THREE YEAR INVESTIGATION OF THE 1963 TRAGEDY BY DR. JOSIAH THOMPSON OF WASHINGTON COLLEGE, PA., ARE CONTAINED IN AN ARTICLE IN THE SATURDAY EVENING POST WHICH WILL REACH THE MEMPHIS AREA TODAY.

THE POST IS THE FIRST TO PUBLISH THOMPSON'S CONCLUSIONS. THE WARRIOR COMMISSION AND SENATE INVESTIGATION CASES DEVELOPED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

THOMPSON, 42-YEAR-OLD TALL PHI BETA KAPPA SCHOLAR WHO TEACHES PHILOSOPHY, CHARGES THAT ALTHOUGH THE DETAILS REMAIN UNCLEAR, "THE ESSENTIAL OUTLINE OF THE ASSASSINATION IS NOW APPARENT--THE 'ONE ASSASSIN' THEORY OF THE WARRIOR COMMISSION IS PATENTLY WRONG, THERE WERE FOUR SHOTS FROM THREE GUNS IN .57 SECONDS."

SOME OF THOMPSON'S CONCLUSIONS WERE BASED ON ORIGINAL RESEARCH IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES, DOCUMENTS AND PHOTO NOT SEEN BY THE WARRIOR COMMISSION, AND INTERVIEWS WITH CONSPIRATORS. OTHERS ARE

GROUNDING IN FURTHER ANALYSES OF MATERIAL IN THE WARREN REPORT.

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THOMPSON CLAIMS TO HAVE HAD ACCESS TO A BETTER PRINT OF ABRAHAM ZAPRUBER'S COLOR MOVIE OF THE ASSASSINATION THAN WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE FBI. AN ANALYSIS OF THIS PRINT, OWNED BY LIFE MAGAZINE, BY A NEW TECHNIQUE INVOLVING SUPERIMPOSITION OF SEQUENTIAL PICTURES AND BY A DISSECTING MICROSCOPE PROVIDED THOMPSON WITH DATA HE SAYS INDICATES:

--FOUR BULLETS WERE FIRED IN DALLAS' DEALEY PLAZA AND ALL HIT THEIR MARK (THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORTED THREE SHOTS, TWO HITS). THE FIRST, A CARTRIDGE WHOSE EXPLOSIVE POWER WAS SUBSTANDARD, MADE A SHALLOW WOUND IN THE PRESIDENT'S BACK. THE SECOND WOUNDED GOV. JOHN B. CONNALLY. THE THIRD HIT KENNEDY'S HEAD FROM BEHIND. THE FOURTH HIT KENNEDY'S HEAD FROM THE FRONT AND WAS FATAL.

--THE BULLETS WERE FIRED FROM THREE LOCATIONS--THE SIXTH FLOOR OF THE DEPOSITORY BUILDING, THE ROOF OF A NEARBY BUILDING, POSSIBLY THE DALLAS COUNTY RECORDS BUILDING OR THE DAL-TEX BUILDING, AND THE STOCKADE FENCE BEHIND THE GRASSY KNOLL AT THE SIDE OF THE PLAZA.

--THE THEORY THAT A SINGLE BULLET WOUNDED BOTH KENNEDY AND

CONNALLY IS ERRONEOUS. THE SUPERIOR QUALITY ZAPRUDER FILM SHOWS THE MEN HEAD AND SHOULD AT THE SAME TIME BUT WITHIN A SHORT ENOUGH TIME TO ELIMINATE THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE BULLETS CAME FROM THE SAME GUN.

ANOTHER MAJOR MOTION PICTURE OF THE ASSASSINATION, MADE BY SEVERAL HIT AND RUN ARTISTS, SHOWS A MAN WHOSE HEAD WAS SHOWN WHAT APPEARED ON EXAMINATION TO BE A BLENDING OF BRANCHES IN THE ROOF OF A STATION WAGON WHICH WAS BEING DRIVEN BY AN ARTIST.

A RECENT AND IMPARTIAL STUDY OF THE FILM BY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF LEXINGTON, MASS., ONE OF THE NATION'S TOP PHOTOGRAPHIC INVESTIGATORS DETERMINED, HOWEVER, THAT THE "MAN WITH THE REAR" WAS SIMPLY A BLENDING OF BRANCHES OF TREE BRANCHES. IT ALSO ESTABLISHED THAT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE FOR A GUNMAN TO HAVE HIT KENNEDY FROM THE STATION WAGON SHOWN IN THE PICTURE.

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1ST ASS KENNEDY NEW YORK DATED 11/15 (AS 315A) HFR FOR AM
FRI 11/17 THE PROCEEDINGS

THE WITNESS TESTIFIED AS SAYING THAT TO HIS "ABSOLUTE
KNOWLEDGE" HE HAD SEEN A DIFFERENT GUNMET THAT HIT THE PRESIDENT
AND HE WOULD BE WILING TO SAY "NO ONE WILL EVER CONVINCE
ME OTHERWISE."

THOMPSON SAID THE WALKER COMMISSION "RECOMMENDING THAT TO BELIEVE
THE GUNMET'S ACCOUNT MEANT ALSO TO BELIEVE IN THE EXISTENCE OF A
SECOND ASSASSIN, THE FORMERLY UNREVEALED 'REACTING THEORY' TO EXPLAIN
THE TIME GAP BETWEEN THE TWO SHOTS AND ALL CONSPIRACY AND HIS
REVELATION OF BEING HIT."

"WITH THE EXCEPTION, ALL THE EVIDENCE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSION
WAS AVAILABLE TO THE WALKER COMMISSION. THE COMMISSION
CONSIDERED IN THE MATTER OF THE WALKER COMMISSION (THE WALKER),
AND THE CONSPIRACY TO KILL THE PRESIDENT AND THE LONE ASSASSIN,
OVERSEEN BY THE FBI."

THOMPSON ACCUSED THE COMMISSION OF IGNORING THE TESTIMONY OF
AT LEAST SEVEN WITNESSES WHO WERE PRESENT IN THE AREA OF THE STOCKADE
FENCE AND ONE WHO SAID HE HEARD IT. HE SAID THE COMMISSION READILY
ACCEPTED AN EXPERT FINDER THAT THE FIRST GUNMET HITTED THROUGH
KENNEDY'S SHOULDERS, WHEN THERE WAS STRONG EVIDENCE THAT A METALLIC
OBJECT HAD PENETRATED THROUGH A GUNMET AND HAD A DIFFERENT TRAJECTORY
THAN THE OTHER.

THE ABOVE TESTIMONY WOULD INDICATE THAT A BOMB FRAGMENT,
DRIVEN AWAY BY THE GUNMET AS IT HITTED THE PRESIDENT'S SKULL

CAUSED THE THREAT WOUNDS.

THOMPSON DID NOT SPECULATE ON HOW MANY CONSPIRATORS WERE INVOLVED. HOWEVER, HE QUOTES EYEWITNESSES TO THE EFFECT THAT THERE WERE TWO IN ADDITION TO OSWALD IN THE BOOK DEPOSITORY--AND ONE OF THEM MAY HAVE BEEN...

ONE OF THESE TWO OTHER EYEWITNESSES SAW RUN DOWN THE HALL FROM THE BUILDING AND BOARD A WHITE-BLUE STATION WAGON DRIVEN BY A DARK-SKINNED MALE...

OSWALD CAN BE SEEN BEHIND THE STORAGE FENCE AND THOMPSON PRESENTS SOME EVIDENCE INDICATING HE PARTICIPATED THERE RID IN THE STATION WAGON WHICH WAS DRIVEN AWAY EARLY. HE REPEATS THE TESTIMONY OF A MALE...

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AND 7TH FIVE NEWS THE AUTHOR, INSERTING SEVERAL WORDS
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(SEE ALSO EVIDENCE NEW YORK CADV.) X X X HEAD MOVEMENT.

THOMPSON ALSO CONTENDS THAT SKULL FRAGMENTS AND BRAIN MATTER WAS SCATTERED IN OPPOSITE DIRECTIONS, GIVING FURTHER PROOF TO HIS TWO-BULLET THEORY.

IN ADDITION TO HIS OWN TESTIMONY OF SEVERAL WITNESSES WHO HEARD THE SHOOTING AND SAW THE PRESIDENT WAS SHOT IN THE HEAD AND WHO BELIEVED THAT THE TWO BULLETS WERE SHOT FROM E. W. BOWLAND, SENIOR DEPUTY SHERIFF OF THE BRONX (FEDERAL AGENT), WHO WITNESSED THE SHOOTING FROM A BALCONY OVERLOOKING THE STREETS AND SAW THE PRESIDENT FALL TO THE GROUND. THOMPSON SAID THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS SHOT FROM THE FRONT.

ACCORDING TO THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE NEW YORK STATE AGENTS WHO WERE FIRED--ALL FROM THE TEXAS SCHOOL BOOK DEPOSITORY--AND ONE OF THEM WAS FIRED FROM THE BALCONY OVERLOOKING THE STREETS. THE FIRST HIT PENETRATED KENNEDY'S NECK AND WENT ON TO BURST COKE JOHN B. CONNELLY'S EYE BEHIND HIS EAR IN THE HEAD.

THOMPSON SAID THE POSITION OF KENNEDY'S HEAD AFTER THE ASSASSINATION MAY HAVE PREVENTED AUTOPSY PHYSICIANS FROM FINDING

MORE THAN ONE WOUND--A BULLETHOLE IN THE LOWER REAR OF THE SKULL.
HE SAID THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT THE TYPE OF EXAMINATION WAS MADE
THAT WOULD DISCOVER A SCALP ENTRY COVERED BY HAIR ON THE FRONT
OF THE HEAD.

THE SOURCE QUOTED EXPERT DR. MERVIN KEEPTON, VETERAN NEW YORK
MEDICAL CENTER, AS SAYING THAT WOUNDS OF ENTRANCE IN THE HEAD
GET TO BE DEEP AND ARE "EASY TO MISS UNLESS YOU KNOW WHERE
TO LOOK FOR THEM BEHIND OF THE EAR, SEPARATING THE
CORONAL SUTURE FROM THE SKULL."