

'Life' Urges Review of JFK Death

From News Dispatches

NEW YORK, Nov. 20—Life Magazine called today for a new investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, contending there is "reasonable doubt" Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone.

The magazine said in this week's edition, to be published Monday, evidence shows "that reasonable — and disturbing—doubt remains."

"One conclusion is inescapable," Life said. "The national interest deserves clear resolution of the doubts. A new investigating body should be set up, perhaps at the initiative of Congress."

The magazine said Texas Gov. John Connally, who was riding with Kennedy in the Dallas motorcade Nov. 22, 1963, and was wounded himself, was still certain that he and Kennedy were hit by two different bullets, not one as the Warren Commission determined.

Film Sequence Shown

Accompanying the Life article are reproductions of frames taken from a strip of film made by Abraham Zapruder, a bystander in the crowd watching the President's motorcade at the time of the assassination.

Connally viewed the film when he testified before the Warren Commission.

He identified certain frames

as recording the moment when he believes he was wounded.

"The moment he selected," Life said, "was at most 1.3 seconds after the earliest moment when Kennedy, according to the Commission, could have been hit. But experts have testified that the murder weapon could not be fired any faster than once every 2.3 seconds." The magazine continued:

"If the Warren Commission is right about the timing of the first bullet that hit Kennedy—and the film seems to confirm this, and if Connally is right about his own wound Oswald could not have had time—in 1.3 seconds—to fire at both Kennedy and Connally. There would have to be a second assassin."

Studied by Connally

The magazine said that earlier this month at Life's request, Connally again looked at the Zapruder film — and this time examined enlargements of each frame under a magnifying glass. Life said:

"As he examined the individual frames he was able to see and recall a number of significant details that he had previously missed and had never brought up in his testimony. These confirmed in his mind what he had previously told the Commission—that he had been hit by a second bullet."

Life quoted him as saying:

"They talk about the 'one-bullet or two-bullet theory,' but as far as I'm concerned, there is no 'theory.' There is my absolute knowledge . . . that one bullet caused the President's first wound, and that an entirely separate shot struck me.

"It's a certainty, I'll never change my mind."