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STANFORD - Autopsy X rays of the late President Kennedy are the strongest possible evidence supporting the Warren Commission's finding that Lee Harvey Oswald was a lone assassin, and should be made public, Prof. Wesley J. Liebeler of the University of California at Los Angeles said Monday (OCT. 17) at Stanford.

An attorney with the Warren Commission, Prof. Liebeler also suggested that photographs of the late President, taken at the time of his autopsy, be shown privately to an independent panel of pathologists. To make them public would violate good taste, he added.

Liebeler addressed more than 650 Stanford students who overflowed Cubberley Auditorium and filled the Law School auditorium. He described Mark Lane's best-selling book, "Rush to Judgment," as "a tissue of distortion" and "a masterwork of deceit."

Liebeler said the Warren Commission "has not suppressed any evidence of any kind" in its investigation. He indicated that some of the materials now classified in the national archives "will be released before Christmas."

Materials were classified by the Commission only when they involved national security--overseas CIA agents, for example--or were not relevant to the probe and "personally damaging" to the individuals concerned.

He said there were "bitter, sometimes violent" arguments within the Commission, and "sharp differences of opinion" over how its report should be written.

Liebeler was among the minority who felt each conclusion of the Commission should have been followed by a pro-and-con presentation of the evidence, instead of simply buttressing the principal findings.

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"The fact that the report was written this way does not mean the investigation was one-sided," he emphasized.

While the report is "not perfect," he added, "the probabilities are overwhelming" that its central findings are correct.

"The conclusions will stand well the tests of time and history," he added.

"Liebeler said detailed analysis of a handprint taken from the bottom side of the rifle found on the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository Building not only proved to be Oswald's but had particular configurations and markings which could only have come from holding that weapon.

Liebeler said he had "great difficulty understanding resistance to the report" but suggested this might be "a function of the credibility gap" in public attitudes toward government. Criticism of the Commission brings out the "pent up feelings" against other government agencies, he added.

He admitted that some errors had occurred in putting the volume together, including the transposition of two key frames taken from movies of the assassination.

But he emphasized that the autopsy was the "best evidence" for determining where the shots came from and this showed "all shots were from behind and above" the late President.

While the consensus of public opinion is that the X rays and photographs taken during the autopsy are being held by the Kennedy family, Liebeler said he understood they are now at the Justice Department.

He said testimony given the Commission made it "perfectly clear" Oswald had time for three shots, but the fact that he hit the President twice probably "involved a great deal of luck" on his part.

He said it was "impossible to tell what Oswald's motive was," even though he personally had spent months studying Oswald's background for the Commission.

His appearance was sponsored by the Stanford Law Forum, which presented Mark Lane on campus last Friday.

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