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LBJ and JFK Factions— Friction After Dallas

WASHINGTON — (AP) — A former assistant White House press secretary who was there confirmed tonight there was friction between Kennedy and Johnson factions aboard the plane that returned President Kennedy's body to Washington after the assassination.

"I think that there are things that happened, especially on the plane coming back, that could be embarrassing to both the Kennedys and the Johnsons," Malcolm M. Kilduff Kennedy's assistant press officer, said.

But he refused to describe the events he referred to.

Kilduff added that because of intense emotional feeling at the time "some of the old 1960 wounds were reopened, rehashed, thought about."

CONCERNED

But Kilduff said President Johnson "continued to show" concern for Mrs. Kennedy and members of the Kennedy family.

"There was no grossness on his part, as has been implied by others in the recent past," Kilduff said.

In a television-radio interview with Westinghouse Broadcasting Co. on the eve of the third anniversary of the assassination, Kilduff dismissed as "pure garbage" the speculation which questions the Warren Commission's basic conclusion that Lee Harvey Oswald alone killed Kennedy.

However, Kilduff, who rode four cars behind the Kennedys in Dallas, said he does disagree with the commission's finding that the first bullet which struck Kennedy and passed through his neck was the one that wounded

Texas Gov. John Connally, who was sitting in the jump seat of Kennedys limousine. A second shot in the head killed Kennedy.

THREE SHOTS

"In my mind," Kilduff said, "there were three shots fired. I have verified that with other people who were riding in the same car. I have verified it with Secret Service agents."

Noting that the bullet which wounded Connally passed through the governor's shoulder, ribs, wrist and thigh, Kilduff said:

"The Warren Commission report shows a bullet, a perfect bullet. I have talked to ballistic experts, who say that it would not be possible for a bullet to travel through that much mass and come out in such a perfect condition."

Kilduff said Connally believes he was hit by a separate bullet.

STILL IN LEG

"As a matter of fact," Kilduff said, "I have on the highest authority information

that parts of that bullet are still in Gov. Connally's leg. So, therefore it would not be possible, as the Warren Commission states, that the bullet came out as clean as it did."

This week's issue of Life Magazine quotes Connally as being more firmly convinced than ever that a separate bullet struck him.

Life, calling for a new investigation, said there is "reasonable doubt" that Oswald acted alone.

In connection with the forthcoming publication in Look magazine of excerpts of William Manchester's book, "The Death of a President," written with cooperation of the Kennedys, Kilduff said Manchester is violating a written agreement with the Kennedy family.

It was agreed, Kilduff said, that the text would not be published before Nov. 22, 1968, unless Mrs. Kennedy approved. Further, said Kilduff, the agreement provided that the book shall be published at such date (after Nov. 22, 1968) as shall be mutually agreeable to the contracting parties."

Kilduff said "I have reason to know Mrs. Kennedy has at no time given either oral or written permission for publication of any portion prior to Nov. 22, 1968."