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WARREN - TESTIMONY

AUSTIN, TEX., NOV. 23 (AP)-ALL TESTIMONY BEFORE THE WARREN COMMISSION WHICH INVESTIGATED THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY WILL BE RELEASED TODAY FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLICATION, THE WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCED TODAY.

PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SECRETARY GEORGE REEDY SAID THE 26 VOLUMES OF TESTIMONY WILL BE PLACED ON SALE AT THE GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE IN WASHINGTON AT 1 P. M. EST AND WILL BE FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLICATION.

REEDY, IN MAKING THE ANNOUNCEMENT, SAID THE ACTION WAS TAKEN <sup>BECAUSE</sup> SOME OF THE TESTIMONY ALREADY HAD BEEN RELEASED FOR PUBLISHED BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS AND AT LEAST ONE OTHER SOURCE HE DID NOT IDENTIFY.

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REEDY SAID THE ASSOCIATED PRESS HAD "RELEASED RATHER LARGE PORTIONS OF THE WARREN COMMISSION TESTIMONY."

HE SAID IT WAS CLEAR THE AP HAD ACCESS TO MORE THAN ONE VOLUME OF THE TESTIMONY.

ASKED WHETHER THE AP HAD ACTED PROPERLY OR IMPROPERLY, REEDY SAID HE WAS NOT GOING TO EXPRESS AN OPINION ON THAT.

"I REGRET VERY MUCH THAT ORDERLY DISTRIBUTION OF THIS MATERIAL, WHICH WOULD HAVE HELPED EVERYONE, HAS BEEN PRECLUDED," HE SAID.

REEDY SAID AT LEAST ONE OTHER UNIDENTIFIED SOURCE HAD MADE AVAILABLE SMALLER PORTIONS OF THE TESTIMONY BEFORE THE WARREN COMMISSION.

HE ANNOUNCED THE DECISION TO RELEASE ALL THE TESTIMONY AT A NEWS BRIEFING AT WHITE HOUSE PRESS HEADQUARTERS IN AUSTIN.

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