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"I'm prepared to discuss the procedures and attitudes of the Commission and the scope of the investigation." He stressed this was an investigation into the facts and he believes it was done objectively.

McCloy strongly supported the conclusion Oswald was the guilty man.

To have had a lawyer there to defend LHO would have distorted the work of the Commission.

Cronkite examined the question of whether the Commission adequately explored the allegation LHO was informant of the FBI. McCloy said best way to get at this was to question responsible head of agency whose integrity's unquestioned - he was best witness that LHO was not informant of FBI.

Common sense tells you a "conspiracy to white wash" could not reasonably be carried out. It would have had to be too monumental.

McCloy said for a large part of the 8½ months of the existence of the Comm. this was his main preoccupation of thought. He indicated the Comm. concentrated ample time to its responsibilities. Assiduously the Comm. followed the evidence.

McCloy indicated the shot was a rather easy, simple shot. The difficult shot would have been from the grassy knoll. The shot did not come from there; it came from the rear.

The Commission's conclusions were not rushed but perhaps we "rushed to print." We could have tidied up the Report, made a better index. But typos are matters of form. We were not pressured to hasty conclusions.

Considering the time I would stand by the Report: to do over again I would have insisted on seeing the photographs and X-rays of the autopsy - but they are still there; they exist and are in the Archives. But the Comm. did have the doctors - this was the best evidence, what these men had seen. They did not fabricate anything, they knew the pictures were there. It was the Comm's own choice that the photos and X-rays were not viewed; the Kennedy family had them.

So far as "rush to print" is concerned, there was not outside pressure.

McCloy said he had not seen or read or heard anything (any evidence) which would justify a new investigation; a reconsideration, a rehash of the same ground. A good many of the charges are utterly ~~utterly~~ irresponsible.