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Cronkite and CBS Warren Report, 10 pm, 6/25/67, Cq.

This was the first of a four part show.

The show opened with rifle re-enactment of the shooting. Cronkite spoke of the rumors which followed the assassination. He listed the Commission and spoke of the agencies, including FBI, which investigated.

The show traced the Commission's findings on Oswald's activities 11/22/63.

Headings: (1) Did LHO (Lee Harvey Oswald) shoot President K. (2) Was there more than 1 assassin? (3) Was there a conspiracy? (4) Why are not the American people satisfied with Warren Rpt? Four shows. This 1st show will deal with the first heading.

1. Did LHO own a rifle? No reasonable doubt. CBS shows the evidence that he owned one.

2. Did LHO take his rifle to Book Dept. Bldg? Frazier and his sister stated LHO had package which LHO said were curtain rods. Discussion about testimony as to the length of pkg. CBS says reasonable conclusion is LHO took rifle to the Book Dept. Bldg.

3. LHO's whereabouts at time of murder: The two men, who were in window below where LHO allegedly was standing, Norman & Jarma: 5th floor window, stated LHO was on 5th floor. Gibbons, another Book Depository employee, said he saw LHO about 1" or 2 minutes after 12 on 6th floor. Arnold Rowland and his wife were on the ground and he said he saw a rifleman in a different window than Commission says. Mrs. Walther, another ground observer, says she saw 2 men, each with guns in 4th or 5th floor. She says other man had shorter gun. Amos Ewins, then 15 years old, saw "pipe" sticking out the window on 6th floor. Howard Brennan stated he saw the assassin firing. He related seeing man firing last shot. Mrs. Walther was interviewed by FBI, but never by the Commission. CBS concludes LHO was in the building probably on the 6th floor.

4. Was LHO's rifle fired from the bldg? The ^{physical} ~~physician's~~ evidence was relied upon by the Commission. Writzman described how he found it. He admitted he thought from a glance it was a Mauser: he admits it was a mistake. Dr. Nicol stated it was his opinion the shots were fired from LHO's. CBS concludes it was.

5. How many shots were fired? Eyewitnesses conflicted as to the ^{number} ~~number~~, some saying 3, some 4. CBS concludes 3. Discussion of the Zapruder film to determine the number of shots.

6. How fast could rifle be fired? "All tests were fired at stationary targets. FBI will not comment on why." CBS constructed target and track to test fire the rifle. Eleven marksmen tried. Results varied, Maryland State Troopers. CBS: A rifle like LHO's could be fired in 5.6 seconds or less. Fast enough.

7. What was the time span of the shots? Dr. Luis Alvarez of Univ. of Calif. reviewed Zapruder film & Wycoff analyzed film. Blur in frame 190 possibly caused by Zapruder being startled; this also caused in 313. ~~Indication that some 20 frames before Comm. said 1st shot was fired, the shot was actually fired.~~ This is an indication that some 20 frames before Comm. said 1st shot was fired, the shot was actually fired. CBS tested this and found cameramen would jump.

Critical of FBI

CBS raises question of whether the "clock" the camera, was correct.

CBS additions.

Indirectly

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- (1) Frame 186 was when 1st shot fired.
- (2) Zapruder camera ran slower than Comm. thought.
- (3) Rifle could be fired in time span. First shot missed, says CBS. This confirms what Gov. Connally believes, that he heard first shot, was hit by the second.

CBS findings strengthened Warren Comm. Rpt.