

750,000 Pages of Information

Sleuths Get Full Co-Operation

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Three years after the assassination of President Kennedy, scores of amateur and big-league sleuths are at work, trying to disprove the Warren Commission's findings on the murder.

They work mainly in the nation's biggest clues closet — the National Archives building here — where 750,000 pages of information on the shooting and boxes of exhibits are stored in a special 300-cubic-foot Kennedy section.

The collection of testimony, pictures and physical belongings "has become the best known body of records in Federal custody," said James B. Rhoads, Deputy Archivist of the U.S.

This has happened "within the past six or seven months," said Mr. Rhoads, "with the publication of some well-known

books and articles" blasting the Warren Commission's finding that no conspiracy existed.

TEAM OF 3

Formerly, State Department records and other Federal files were in the most demand by researchers. But now a three-member team, headed by Marion Johnson, a specialist in Justice Department records, is hard at work helping the growing battery of Kennedy assassination sleuths take on the Warren Commission.

Mr. Johnson is especially anxious to knock down the general but "completely wrong" impression that when Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren turned over Commission records to the National Archives in November, 1964, it was with the provision that some materials would not be made public for 75 years.

MORE AND MORE

According to Justice

Department guidelines, more assassination information will be made public in 1970 and in each 10-year period after that, including material now locked up because its publication:

- "Would be detrimental to the Administration and enforcement of the laws and regulations of the U.S. and its agencies."
- Would be a source of embarrassment to innocent persons.
- Might reveal the identity of confidential sources of information.
- "Would reveal material pertinent to the criminal prosecution of Jack Ruby for the murder of Lee Harvey Oswald, prior to the final judicial determination of that case."