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ASSASSINATION COMMITTEE COUNSEL SAYS THE MOB KILLED KENNEDY: G. ROBERT BLAKEY, WHO WAS CHIEF COUNSEL TO THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS, HAS FINALLY REVEALED HIS IMPRESSION OF THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON THE MURDER OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY. AND HIS OPINIONS MAY SEEM SHOCKING TO SOME.

IN AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH THE SYNDICATED RADIO PROGRAM, "DIRECT NEWS," BLAKEY SAID (QUOTE): "IT'S...LIKELY THAT (THE AMERICAN PEOPLE) ARE GOING TO HAVE TO ULTIMATELY ACCEPT THE FACT THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS KILLED BY A CONSPIRACY AND THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO LIVE WITH THE LIKELIHOOD THAT IT WAS DONE BY THE MOB AND THAT THE MOB GOT AWAY WITH IT."

BLAKEY SAYS HE BASES HIS BELIEF THAT THE MOB KILLED KENNEDY ON TWO FACTS THAT "CAN'T BE DEBATED ANY MORE": 1. THAT TWO MEN SHOT AT THE PRESIDENT; AND 2. THAT JACK RUBY KILLED LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

HE ALSO SAYS THAT THE CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE--OSWALD'S AND RUBY'S MOB LINKS--ALL POINT IN ONE DIRECTION--THAT RUBY KILLED OSWALD TO SILENCE HIM AND THAT RUBY "ACTED ON THE DESIRE OF MOB (ELEMENTS) TO GET THE KENNEDY ADMINISTRATION OFF THEIR BACKS."

BLAKEY ALSO CLAIMS THAT THERE ARE STILL PEOPLE LIVING IN NEW ORLEANS WHO "COULD HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE ASSASSINATION," AND HE BELIEVES "THOSE PEOPLE SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED" BY THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT AND BROUGHT TO TRIAL, IF POSSIBLE. HOWEVER, HE WARNS THAT THE CASE IS NOW 17 YEARS OLD AND THE GOVERNMENT MAY NEVER BE ABLE TO SOLVE THE CASE.

HE ALSO SAID THAT SEEING "HOW POORLY" THE GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATED THE KENNEDY CASE IN 1965 WAS THE "SINGLE MOST SOUL-SHATTERING EXPERIENCE (HE) EVER HAD." AND HE SAYS HE WOULD BE "EXTREMELY DISAPPOINTED IN THE AGENCIES OF THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE WHO RUN THEM" IF THEY ALLOW THE KENNEDY INVESTIGATION TO DIE NOW. ::NEWSSCRIPT (8/1/79)

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