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DALLAS, MAY 19 (AP)-THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE WHO ARRAIGNED LEE HARVEY OSWALD SAID HE HEARD THAT WASHINGTON OFFICIALS HAS ASKED THAT THE MURDER COMPLAINT MAKE NO MENTION OF A POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL CONSPIRACY TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

DAVID L. JOHNSTON, THE PEACE OFFICER, SAID HE OVERHEARD AN ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND POLICE OFFICERS MENTION THE POSSIBILITY OF A CONSPIRACY WHEN THE CHARGE WAS BEING DRAWN UP AGAINST OSWALD FOR ALLEGEDLY KILLING KENNEDY, NOV. 22 HERE.

SOON AFTERWARD, JOHNSTON SAID, DIST. ATTY. HENRY WADE SAID HE HAD RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM WASHINGTON ASKING THAT NO MENTION OF A POSSIBLE CONSPIRACY BE MENTIONED IN THE CHARGE.

WADE WAS UNAVAILABLE FOR COMMENT TODAY.

JOHNSTON SAID "TO MY PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE, I SAW NO EVIDENCE OF CONSPIRACY."

HE SAID TODAY THAT HE MENTIONED AFTER THE ASSASSINATION, NOV. 22, THAT IT WOULD HAVE "MADE NO DIFFERENCE IF THERE WAS A CONSPIRACY . . . I'D STILL HAVE ACCEPTED A COMPLAINT AS STRAIGHT MURDER UNDER TEXAS STATUTES."

THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE SAID "IF OSWALD WERE ALIVE, HE COULD HAVE BEEN CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY IN ADDITION TO HOMICIDE" LATER AND IT WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN DOUBLE JEOPARDY UNDER THE LAW. JACK RUBY WAS CONVICTED MARCH 14 FOR SLAYING OSWALD TWO DAYS AFTER THE ASSASSINATION.

JOHNSTON SAID ALL EVIDENCE INDICATED THAT OSWALD WAS A LONER AND NO INTERNATIONAL PLOT WAS INVOLVED.

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Dallas, May 19 (AP)- The justice of the peace who arraigned Lee Harvey Oswald said he heard that Washington officials had asked that the murder complaint make no mention of a possible international conspiracy to assassinate President John F. Kennedy,

David L. Johnston, the peace officer, said he overheard an assistant district attorney and police officers mention the possibility of a conspiracy when the charge was being drawn up against Oswald for allegedly killing Kennedy Nov. 22 here.

Johnston said that at the time the officers ~~with~~ <sup>and</sup> the assistant district attorney were discussing briefly whether to file two charges against Oswald for Kennedy's slaying -- one for murder and another of conspiracy to murder. But the conspiracy charge was never written because, said Johnston, no evidence of a conspiracy ever was found.

Soon afterward, Johnston said, Dist. Arry . Henry Wade said he had received a telephone call from Washington asking that no mention of a possible conspiracy be mentioned in the charge.

Wade was unavailable for comment today.

Johnston said "to my personal knowledge, I saw no evidence of a conspiracy."

He said today that he mentioned after the assassination, Nov. 22, that it would have "made no difference if there was a conspiracy....I'd still have accepted a complaint as straight murder under Texas statutes."

The justice of the peace said "If Oswald were alive, he could have been charged with conspiracy in addition to homicide" later and it would not have been double jeopardy under the law. Jack Ruby was convicted March 14 for slaying Oswald two days after the assassination.

Johnston said all evidence indicated that Oswald was a loner and no international plot was involved.

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