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NEW YORK AP - The Columbia Broadcasting System said Monday night that its own investigation of the death of President John F. Kennedy confirms the Warren Report's finding that Lee Harvey Oswald was the sole assassin.

The television network said in the second of a four-part series, entitled "The Warren Report," that there was no second gunman aiding Oswald, that the single-bullet theory was the most believable of any proposed and that President Kennedy was shot from behind.

On the broadcast, Navy Capt. James J. Humes, senior pathologist at the Kennedy autopsy at Bethesda Naval Hospital said after re-examining the X-rays and photographs that the shots which killed Kennedy came from the rear.

CBS said it interviewed eyewitnesses of the shooting and got conflicting reports on whether others shot at Kennedy. However, it could find no conclusive evidence of a second gunman, it said.

CBS said it tested the critical single-bullet theory, and found that one bullet may well have wounded both Kennedy and Texas Gov. John Connally, although Connally insists he heard a shot before he himself was wounded by a second shot.

On Sunday, in the first of the CBS series, the network said its investigation indicated that the first shot was fired earlier than the Warren Commission believed and missed both Kennedy and Connally. The commission said it was the first of three shots which hit both men. If the CBS finding was so, it would explain why Connally said he heard a shot before he was hit.

"The question of the single bullet is one of several upon which the general public has never been satisfied," CBS said. "CBS News' investigation shows clearly that the experts all admit the possibility that one bullet wounded two men, even if some of them dispute the likelihood.

"CBS News' view, after thorough examination of all evidence, is that it is difficult to believe the single-bullet theory. But to believe the other theories is even more difficult."

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