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NEW YORK AP - The Columbia Broadcasting System said Wednesday it "is not frivolous" to suspect that Lee Harvey Oswald had some connection with either the FBI or the Central Intelligence Agency.

In its last of a four-part television series on the Warren Report and the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, the network concluded that the accused assassin's mother "may not be quite so wrong about some kind of link between Oswald and various intelligence agencies of the United States."

None of the agencies, the network noted, have made any comment on the possibility of such a link.

CBS also said the Warren Commission allowed the FBI and the CIA to investigate themselves when the commission had the power to conduct its own, independent investigation.

"The Warren Commission seriously compromised itself by allowing the Secret Service, the FBI and the CIA to investigate questions involving their own actions," CBS said.

John J. McCloy, a diplomat and member of the commission, agreed with CBS that the Warren Commission should have demanded to see the pictures and X-rays made during the Kennedy autopsy at Bethesda Naval Hospital the night of the assassination.

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"I think that there's one thing I would do over again," McCloy said on the program. "I would insist on those photographs and X-rays-have them produced before us."

He suggested that no demand was made for the pictures and X-rays because, in one respect, the commission was "over-sensitive to what we understood were the sensitivities of the Kennedy family."

But McCloy contended the commission still had "the best evidence in regard to pathology in respect to the President's wounds."

He rebutted claims that the commission had conspired to withhold evidence saying:

"You don't need to rely on the distinguished character of the commission. But you can rely on common sense. And you know that seven men aren't going to get together and concoct a conspiracy of a character so mammoth and so vast that it transcends even some of the distorted charges of conspiracy on the part of Oswald," McCloy said.

The network said the roles of the FBI and Secret Service -both in the assassination and in its aftermath-may have been "less than glorious" and to some extent weakened the credibility of the Warren Report.

CBS said Texas Atty. Gen. Waggoner Carr had reported to the Warren Commission on rumors of a connection between Oswald and the FBI.

Oswald's mother has, among other things, contended that the commission should have looked into the possibility that her son was a secret American agent.

Of the autopsy pictures and X-rays, the network said:

"The commission's decision not to look at the president's X-rays and photographs was one of the most serious errors, an error compounded by the Kennedy family, which had possession of the autopsy pictures and agreed last year to donate them to the national archives -but only with the stipulation that the pictures be locked away for five years with only certain authorized government personnel allowed to see them."

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