

Kennedy Book Author

Case for a New Probe

Haverford, Pa.

The 32-year-old philosophy professor who wrote the controversial new book on the Kennedy assassination yesterday he hopes the evidence he has unearthed suggesting a conspiracy involving three gunmen will force a new official investigation of the case.

"I think if the case is not reopened now, after the publication of my book, it won't be reopened," said the short, boich-looking Dr. Joseph Thompson at his office at Haverford College. "If this happens, the case will remain an open sore."

FBI

Thompson, a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Yale University who once commanded a Navy frogman underwater demolition detachment, said he undertook the book "Six Seconds in Dallas" in anger after pointing out inconsistencies in the Warren Commission report to the FBI in 1966 and getting only a polite "thank you."

"I got a visit from the FBI



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JOSIAH THOMPSON A visit from the FBI

a few weeks ago after word of my book got around," he said. "They informed me that anything I said might be held against me, so I decided not to say anything. They went away, and I still don't know what they wanted to question me about."

The author said he has had no contact with any members of the Kennedy family. He was a candidate for a doctorate at Yale at the time of the assassination in 1963 and immediately became intrigued with discrepancies in accounts of the tragedy.

He began to collect all the material on the assassination on which he could lay his hands and became such an expert he was hired as a special consultant by Life magazine.

EVIDENCE

In the course of gathering material for a Life article, he visited Dallas six times, tracked down witnesses never questioned by the Warren Commission, discovered fresh photographic evidence, and spent weeks analyzing material concerning the assassination in the National Archives. When the Life assignment was terminated he continued his investigations.

"It was a lot of work," Thompson said. "I hope it gets some results."

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