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REPORT-CRITICISMS & RECOMMENDATIONS  
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WASHINGTON, SEPT. 28 (AP)-THE SECRET SERVICE, THE FBI, THE DALLAS POLICE, THE STATE DEPARTMENT, AND THE AMERICAN NEWS MEDIA--THESE BEAR THE SHARPEST STINGS FROM THE WARREN COMMISSION FOR LAXNESS AND POOR JUDGMENT BEFORE AND AFTER THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

THE COMMISSION HEADED BY CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN CRITICIZED THE SECRET SERVICE FOR FAILING "TO DEVELOP. . .ADEQUATE RESOURCES OF PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES TO FULFILL ITS IMPORTANT ASSIGNMENT"--GUARDING THE LIFE OF A PRESIDENT.

AS ONE VITAL EXAMPLE, THE COMMISSION CITED THE FAILURE OF THE SERVICE TO CHECK ALL THE BUILDINGS ALONG THE ROUTE OF THE DALLAS MOTORCADE, INCLUDING THE TALL TEXAS SCHOOL BOOK DEPOSITORY, FROM WHICH LEE HARVEY OSWALD FIRED HIS SHOTS.

AND THE COMMISSION, WHILE EMPHASIZING THAT THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE THAT AGENTS AT THE SCENE DID LESS THAN EXPECTED OF THEM, CHIDED NINE AGENTS FOR DRINKING AND STAYING UP LATE THE NIGHT BEFORE--BREAKING THE RULES OF THE SERVICE.

THE COMMISSION, IN ITS REPORT, ALSO CRITICIZED THE FBI FOR TAKING AN "UNDULY RESTRICTIVE ROLE IN PREVENTIVE INTELLIGENCE WORK PRIOR TO THE ASSASSINATION."

THE FBI, SAID THE COMMISSION, HAD A FULL DOSSIER ON THE LIFE OF OSWALD AND KNEW HE WORKED IN A BUILDING ALONG THE MOTORCADE ROUTE, BUT IT NEVER GAVE THIS INFORMATION TO THE SECRET SERVICE.

THE COMMISSION DESCRIBED THE DECISION OF THE DALLAS POLICE TO TRANSFER OSWALD TO THE COUNTY JAIL IN FULL PUBLIC VIEW AS UNSOUND. IT WAS AT THIS TRANSFER THAT JACK RUBY STEPPED IN FRONT OF THE TELEVISION CAMERAS AND KILLED OSWALD.

AND THE DALLAS POLICE ARE CRITICIZED SHARPLY FOR THEIR PENCHANT FOR RUSHING STATEMENTS, SOMETIMES ERRONEOUS AND MISLEADING, TO WAITING REPORTERS.

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"TO THE EXTENT THAT THE INFORMATION WAS ERRONEOUS OR MISLEADING," THE COMMISSION SAID, "IT HELPED TO CREATE DOUBTS, SPECULATIONS, AND FEARS IN THE MIND OF THE PUBLIC WHICH MIGHT OTHERWISE NOT HAVE ARISEN."

THE PRESS RECEIVED ITS SHARE OF CRITICISM FOR ROAMING ABOUT THE

BUILDING WHERE OSWALD WAS KEPT PRISONER AND HELPING TO CREATE "CHAOTIC CONDITIONS WHICH WERE NOT CONDUCTIVE TO ORDERLY INTERROGATION OR THE PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE PRISONER."

FINALLY, THE COMMISSION FOUND LAXNESS IN THE PROCEDURES OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT, WHICH ALLOWED OSWALD TO RETURN AND THEN FAILED TO POST LOOKOUT CARDS ON THE PASSPORT FILE OF OSWALD AFTER HE CAME BACK FROM RUSSIA. THESE CARDS GUARD AGAINST ANY ROUTINE ISSUANCE OF A PASSPORT TO A PERSON WITH A QUESTIONABLE RECORD.

BASED ON THESE ERRORS, THE COMMISSION MADE A SERIES OF RECOMMENDATIONS DESIGNED TO PREVENT ANY FUTURE ASSASSINATION OR CHAOTIC AFTERMATH.

THESE INCLUDED:

1. APPOINTMENT OF A COMMITTEE OF CABINET MEMBERS TO OVERSEE, REVIEW AND POSSIBLY OVERHAUL THE WHOLE PROCEDURE OF GUARDING THE LIFE OF THE PRESIDENT. SUCH A COMMITTEE COULD TAKE THIS RESPONSIBILITY AWAY FROM THE SECRET SERVICE.

2. A COMPLETE OVERHAUL BY THE SERVICE, IN THE MEANTIME, OF ITS PROCEDURES IN DETECTING POTENTIAL THREATS TO THE LIFE OF A PRESIDENT. AND THE COMMISSION RECOMMENDED IMPROVED MEASURES FOR PROTECTION DURING A MOTORCADE, INCLUDE ATTENTION TO BUILDINGS ALONG THE ROUTE.

3. MORE ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER AGENCIES, PARTICULARLY THE FBI, IN SUPPLYING HELP TO THE SECRET SERVICE IN ITS JOB OF PROTECTING THE PRESIDENT.

4. LEGISLATION MAKING THE ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT A FEDERAL CRIME, THUS TAKING JURISDICTION AWAY FROM LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

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5. MEETINGS BETWEEN POLICE, BAR ASSOCIATIONS, AND THE PRESS TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS ON THE GATHERING OF NEWS TO INSURE THAT THERE IS "NO INTERFERENCE WITH PENDING CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS, COURT PROCEEDINGS, OR THE RIGHT OF INDIVIDUALS TO A FAIR TRIAL."

6. BETTER CARE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN ALLOWING DEFECTORS TO RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES AND BETTER PROCEDURES FOR GIVING INFORMATION ABOUT ANY RETURNING DEFECTORS TO OTHER INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES OF THE GOVERNMENT.

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