Kennedy Information

Autopsy Material Secrecy Deplored

Washington

Representative Theodore R. Kupferman (Rep-N.Y.) said yesterday that the Kennedy family's lawyer has refused him permission to inspect the photographs and X-rays taken during the autopsy on President Kennedy.

The rules the family imposed in depositing the material in the National Archives effectively bar anyone from seeing it, according to Kupferman.

He said the impression when the material was deposited that it would be available for inspection by government agencies, was "illusory."

REQUESTS

Dr. James Rhoads, deputy archivist, said that since the material was deposited on October 31, no one had seen it. A dozen or so requests had been submitted, he said, and, as far as he knew, all of them had been turned down by Burke Marshall, the Kennedy representative.

The rules under which the material was given to the Archives appeared to bar inspection by anyone who did not receive special permission from Marshall, Rhoads said.

Kupferman said that he was writing to President Johnson to ask that some official inspection be made.

THEORY

Only a look at the autopsy material, the congressman said, can put to rest doubts about the "single bullet theory" that casts doubt on the Warren Commission's report on the assassination.

The theory holds that one bullet from the rifle fired by Lee Harvey Oswald on Nov. 22, 1963, in Dallas, Tex., wounded both President Kennedy and Texas Governor John B. Connally Jr.

Of the three bullets fired from the Oswald rifle, this theory holds, one wounded the two men, one missed and another struck the President in the top of the head, killing him.

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