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WARREN REPORT-DOMESTIC REACTION (600)

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THE CONCLUSIONS AND THOROUGHNESS OF THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT DREW ALMOST SOLIDLY FAVORABLE REACTION FROM U.S. LEADERS AND PERSONS INVOLVED IN EVENTS CONNECTED WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON, CONTINUING TO STUDY THE LENGTHY REPORT, RECEIVED IT FROM CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN WITH "HEARTFELT THANKS."

THE PRESIDENT TOLD WARREN IN A LETTER:

"YOUR COMMISSION, I KNOW, HAS BEEN GUIDED THROUGHOUT BY A DETERMINATION TO FIND AND TO TELL THE WHOLE TRUTH OF THESE TERRIBLE EVENTS."

GENERAL PRAISE OF THE REPORT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY AGREEMENT WITH SPECIFIC CONCLUSIONS--SUCH AS THE COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION OF STRICTER SECURITY MEASURES FOR THE PRESIDENT AND ITS COMMENTS ON EVENTS BETWEEN THE ASSASSINATION AND THE SLAYING OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD BY NIGHTCLUB OWNER JACK RUBY.

FORMER ATTY. GEN. ROBERT F. KENNEDY, THE PRESIDENT'S BROTHER, SAID HE DID NOT INTEND TO READ THE FULL REPORT, BUT HAD BEEN BRIEFED ON IT.

"I AM COMPLETELY SATISFIED," HE SAID, "THAT THE COMMISSION INVESTIGATED EVERY LEAD AND EXAMINED EVERY PIECE OF EVIDENCE. THE COMMISSION'S INQUIRY WAS THOROUGH AND CONSCIENTIOUS."

TEXAS GOV. JOHN B. CONNALLY, WOUNDED WHEN THE PRESIDENT WAS KILLED, SAID THE REPORT "REFLECTS A DESIRE ON THE PART OF THE COMMISSION TO BE EXTREMELY THOROUGH AND TO RUN DOWN EVERY FACT OF THE ASSASSINATION OF THE PRESIDENT."

CONNALLY AGREED WITH THE REPORT'S CONCLUSION THAT HE WAS NOT THE GUNMAN'S TARGET, AND ALSO WITH THE FINDING THAT OSWALD WAS THE KILLER.

THE FINDING THAT NO CONSPIRACY WAS INVOLVED, CONNALLY SAID, SHOULD "HAVE AN EXTREMELY SALUTARY EFFECT THROUGHOUT THE FREE WORLD."

SENATE MAJORITY LEADER MIKE MANSFIELD, D-MONT., SAID HE ACCEPTED THE COMMISSION'S FINDINGS THAT IN THE PRESIDENT'S ASSASSINATION, NO CONSPIRACY WAS INVOLVED BUT EXPRESSED DOUBT THE REPORT WOULD COMPLETELY LAY TO REST WORLDWIDE RUMORS OF SUCH A PLOT.

MANSFIELD SAID HE HOPED THAT RECOMMENDATIONS MADE TO CONGRESS BY THE REPORT COULD "BE PUT INTO EFFECT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE." CONGRESS SHOULD "STAY IN SESSION TO CARRY THEM OUT," MANSFIELD ADDED.

SEN. KARL MUNDT, R-S.D., SUPPORTED THE PROPOSAL FOR GREATER PRESIDENTIAL SECURITY. HE SAID IT SHOULD INCLUDE A CAREFUL WATCH ON DEFECTORS WHO RETURN TO THIS COUNTRY FROM "BEHIND THE IRON OR BAMBOO CURTAINS."

SEN. FRANK CARLSON, R-KAN., APPROVED THE RECOMMENDATION THAT KILLING A PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENT SHOULD BE MADE A FEDERAL CRIME, AND THAT SUCH A PROVISION SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO THE CABINET, SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN.

MELVIN BELLI, PRINCIPAL LAWYER IN RUBY'S DEFENSE, TERMED THE FINDINGS "A REAL GREAT REPORT, FULFILLING THE CAPACITIES OF THE GREAT AMERICANS WHO WERE APPOINTED TO DO IT."

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"I THINK THIS REPORT SHOULD SET AT REST FOREVER THE CONSPIRACY THEORY AND SHOULD DO A LOT TO RESTORE OUR IMAGE ABROAD. THE ONE FAULT I FIND WITH THE WARREN REPORT IS THE ASCRIBING OF THE MOTIVE OF JACK RUBY. IT IS NOT THOROUGH ENOUGH."

THE WARREN REPORT NOTED RUBY'S STATEMENT THAT HE KILLED OSWALD SO MRS. KENNEDY WOULD NOT HAVE THE ORDEAL OF TESTIFYING AT A TRIAL. BUT THE COMMISSION DREW NO CONCLUSION ON HIS ASSERTED MOTIVE.

IN SAN FRANCISCO LAST NIGHT, BELLI SAID HE HAS AGREED TO FILE AN APPEAL BRIEF FOR JACK RUBY, HIS FORMER CLIENT SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR THE MURDER OF OSWALD.

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BELLI SAID RUBY TELEPHONED HIM FROM THE DALLAS JAIL AND ASKED HIM TO FILE THE APPEAL, AND THAT HE AGREED. BELLI SAID HE PREVIOUSLY ASKED THE COURT'S PERMISSION TO FILE SUCH A BRIEF AND THAT IF PERMISSION IS DENIED HE WILL SEND THE BRIEF TO RUBY'S PRESENT LAWYERS ANYWAY.

"I'M SATISFIED THE RUBY VERDICT WILL BE REVERSED, EVERY LAWYER KNOWS IT WILL--AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY IN DALLAS KNOWS IT TOO," BELLI SAID.

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NEW YORK ATTORNEY MARK LANE, WHOSE LECTURES ABROAD HAVE BOLSTERED THE BELIEF OF MANY EUROPEANS THAT THE ASSASSINATION WAS A RIGHT-WING CONSPIRACY, CONTENDED THE REPORT "RAISES MORE QUESTIONS THAN IT ANSWERS."

LANE CHARGED THE REPORT'S PURPOSE WAS TO HAVE A "TRANQUILIZING EFFECT UPON AMERICA."

LANE WAS RETAINED BY OSWALD'S MOTHER, MRS. MARGUERITE OSWALD LAST JANUARY TO DEFEND HER SON BEFORE THE COMMISSION.

THOMAS BUCHANAN, AN EX-COMMUNIST WHOSE BOOK "WHO KILLED KENNEDY?" HAS BEEN PUBLISHED ABROAD AND IS DUE FOR U.S. PUBLICATION SOON, SAID HE WAS STILL NOT CONVINCED THAT OSWALD ACTED ALONE.

THE COMMISSION "ALLOWED ITSELF TO BE USED AS AN INSTRUMENT OF FOREIGN POLICY," BUCHANAN SAID.

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