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Warren Report Full Story?

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As the debate continues, public doubts about the Warren Commission Report on the assassination of President Kennedy persist. By a 59% to 30% margin, Americans are convinced that there is more to the story.

But in a survey taken shortly before reports of new evidence uncovered by New Orleans authorities, the public expressed resignation that the whole story would never be known and little would be gained by further inquiry.

By two to one the American public is against reopening the Warren Commission investigation.

Public certainty that Lee Harvey Oswald shot the President remains at 70%. Those who believe he did voted 44 to 35% in favor of the theory that Oswald was part of a broader plot rather than acting on his own.

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Last September and again last month a cross section of the public was asked:

From what you have read, do you feel the full story of the Kennedy assassination was reported in the Warren Commission Report, or do you think there are still a lot of unanswered questions about who killed President Kennedy and how it was done?

| | Feb.'67 | Sept.'66 |
|----------------------------|---------|----------|
| Full story told | 30% | 32% |
| Still unanswered questions | 59 | 54 |
| Not sure | 11 | 14 |

Of the points questioned about the Warren Report, the establishment of Oswald as the killer was most believed by the public. People were asked in both surveys:

Do you believe that Lee Harvey Oswald was the man who shot President Kennedy?

| | Feb.'67 | Sept.'66 |
|--------------------|---------|----------|
| Was assassin | 70% | 69% |
| Was not | 7 | 3 |
| Not sure | 23 | 28 |

People also were asked:

Do you feel the Kennedy assassination was the work of one man or

was part of a broader plot?

| | Feb.'67 | Sept.'66 |
|----------------------------|---------|----------|
| One man | 35% | 34% |
| Part of broader plot | 44 | 46 |
| Not sure | 21 | 20 |

In the face of these doubts, the public stands fast in its determination not to have the Warren Commission investigation reopened.

The cross section was asked:

Do you think the Warren Commission investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy should be reopened, or would you be opposed to that?

| | Total public |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Should be reopened | 27% |
| Don't reopen | 58 |
| Not sure | 15 |