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ADVANCE FOR 5:30 P.M., EST, TODAY. CAUTION; NOTE TIME  
WARREN REPORT WRITING (190)

(ADVANCE) WASHINGTON, SEPT. 27 (AP)-THE REPORT ON THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY WAS STAFF-WRITTEN; NOT THE WORK OF ANY SINGLE AUTHOR, COMMISSION OFFICIALS SAID TODAY.

STAFF MEMBERS WERE ORGANIZED IN A HALF-DOZEN GROUPS, EACH HANDLING ONE BROAD PHASE OF THE INVESTIGATION. STAFF MEN HEARD ALL TESTIMONY, STUDIED EXHIBITS, READ INVESTIGATION REPORTS, AND IN HUNDREDS OF CASES ORDERED FURTHER INVESTIGATIONS.

AT THE DRAFTING STAGE, THEY SAT IN ON CONFERENCES AT WHICH CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN AND HIS FELLOW COMMISSION MEMBERS DISCUSSED THE EVIDENCE, REACHED GENERAL CONCLUSIONS, AND INDICATED THE GENERAL FINDINGS TO BE EMBODIED IN THE REPORT.

WITH THIS GUIDANCE EACH STAFF GROUP WROTE ITS DRAFT OF A SECTION OR PARTIAL SECTION. THE SEVEN COMMISSION MEMBERS STUDIED THEM INDEPENDENTLY, THEN BROUGHT PROPOSED CHANGES, REPHRASINGS OR CORRECTIONS BACK TO FULL MEETINGS FOR DISCUSSION AND REVISION.

STAFF MEN AGAIN SAT IN, THEN WROTE NEW DRAFTS. THE PROCESS WAS REPEATED UNTIL ALL MEMBERS WERE SATISFIED WITH ALL SECTIONS.

THE COMMISSION'S OWN EDITING WAS EXTENSIVE, EVEN AFTER PRINTER'S PROOFS WERE IN HAND. A FORTNIGHT AGO ONE MEMBER SAID, "WE'RE STILL WRITING." IN THE PAST MONTH OF EDITORIAL WORK, THE COMMISSION SOMETIMES MET UNTIL MIDNIGHT. STAFF MEMBERS TOILED UNTIL 3 AND 4 A.M. TO HAVE REVISIONS READY FOR THE NEXT DAY'S MEETING.

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