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SPECULATIONS Q & A

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WASHINGTON, SEPT. 28 (AP)-THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY RAISED MANY QUESTIONS, PARTICULARLY IN EUROPE, WHERE CONSPIRATORIAL THEORIES GAINED WIDE ACCEPTANCE.

IN ITS 888-PAGE REPORT ON ITS INVESTIGATION OF THE TRAGEDY, THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION HEADED BY CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN DEVOTED A SECTION TO ANSWERING SOME OF "THE VARIOUS HYPOTHESES, RUMORS AND SPECULATIONS THAT HAVE ARISEN."

HERE ARE SOME OF THE QUESTIONS THAT HAVE PERSISTED SINCE THE ASSASSINATION. THE ANSWERS PROVIDED ARE IN THE WORDS OF THE WARREN REPORT:

Q. WAS LEE HARVEY OSWALD REALLY THE ASSASSIN?

A. "THE BOTS WHICH KILLED PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND WOUNDED GOVERNOR CONNALLY WERE FIRED BY LEE HARVEY OSWALD."

QM DID OSWALD HAVE ACCOMPLICES?

A. "OSWALD ASSASSINATED PRESIDENT KENNEDY, ACTING ALONE AND WITHOUT ADVICE OR ASSISTANCE. THE COMMISSION HAS FOUND NO CREDIBLE EVIDENCE THAT HE WAS A MEMBER OF A FOREIGN OR DOMESTIC CONSPIRACY OF ANY KIND."

Q. WAS HE A COMMUNIST AGENT?

A. "THERE IS NO CREDIBLE EVIDENCE THAT OSWALD WAS AN AGENT OF THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT. . .

Q. WAS IT A RIGHT WING PLOT?

A. "THE COMMISSION HAS FOUND NO EVIDENCE THAT THE EXTREME VIEWS EXPRESSED TOWARD PRESIDENT KENNEDY BY SOME RIGHT WING GROUPS CENTERED IN DALLAS OR ANY OTHER GENERAL ATMOSPHERE OF HATE OR RIGHT WING EXTREMISM WHICH MAY HAVE EXISTED IN THE CITY OF DALLAS HAD ANY CONNECTION WITH OSWALD'S ACTIONS ON NOV. 22."

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Q. DID JACK RUBY KNOW OSWALD?

A. "THE COMMISSION. . . WAS UNABLE TO FIND ANY CREDIBLE EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THE RUMORS LINKING OSWALD AND RUBY DIRECTLY OR THROUGH OTHERS. THE COMMISSION CONCLUDED THEY WERE NOT INVOLVED IN A CONSPIRATORIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH EACH OTHER OR ANY THIRD PARTIES."

Q. DO THE BALLISTICS TESTS SHOW THAT OSWALD'S RIFLE WAS THE MURDER WEAPON?

A. "THE COMMISSION HAS EVALUATED THE EVIDENCE TENDING TO SHOW HOW LEE HARVEY OSWALD'S MANNLICHER-CARCANO RIFLE, SERIAL NUMBER C2766, WAS BROUGHT INTO THE DEPOSITORY BUILDING WHERE IT WAS FOUND ON THE SIXTH FLOOR SHORTLY AFTER THE ASSASSINATION. . . BASED ON A COMPARISON WITH TEST BULLETS FIRED FROM THE C2766 RIFLE, THE STRETCHER BULLET AND BOTH BULLET FRAGMENTS WERE IDENTIFIED AS HAVING BEEN FIRED FROM THE C2766 RIFLE."

Q. WERE OSWALD'S FINGERPRINTS FOUND ON THE RIFLE?

A. "OSWALD'S PALMPRINT WAS ON THE RIFLE IN A POSITION WHICH SHOWS THAT HE HAD HANDLED IT WHILE IT WAS DISASSEMBLED; FIBERS FOUND ON THE RIFLE MOST PROBABLY CAME FROM THE SHIRT OSWALD WAS WEARING ON THE DAY OF THE ASSASSINATION."

Q. WHERE WERE THE SHOTS FIRED FROM?

A. ". . . FROM ABOVE AND BEHIND PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND GOVERNOR CONNALLY, MORE PARTICULARLY, FROM THE SIXTH FLOOR OF THE TEXAS SCHOOL BOOK DEPOSITORY."

Q. HOW MANY SHOTS WERE FIRED AND HOW FAST? WHICH HIT THE PRESIDENT?

A. "TWO BULLETS PROBABLY CAUSED ALL THE WOUNDS SUFFERED BY PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND GOVERNOR CONNALLY. SINCE THE PREPONDERANCE OF EVIDENCE INDICATED THAT THREE SHOTS WERE FIRED, THE COMMISSION CONCLUDED THAT ONE SHOT PROBABLY MISSED THE PRESIDENT'S LIMOUSINE AND ITS OCCUPANTS, AND THAT THE THREE SHOTS WERE FIRED IN A TIME PERIOD RANGING FROM APPROXIMATELY 4.8 TO IN EXCESS OF 7 SECONDS."

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Q. COULD THE SHOTS HAVE COME FROM THE RAILROAD OVERPASS?

A. ". . . THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT ANY SHOTS WERE FIRED AT THE PRESIDENT FROM ANYWHERE BUT THE TEXAS SCHOOL BOOK DEPOSITORY."

Q. WAS THERE TIME, BEFORE THE POLICE ARRIVED, FOR OSWALD TO HIDE THE RIFLE, DESCEND TO THE LUNCHROOM AND MAKE HIS GETAWAY?

A. "TIME TESTS OF ALL OF OSWALD'S MOVEMENTS ESTABLISH THAT THESE MOVEMENTS COULD HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED IN THE TIME AVAILABLE TO HIM."

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Q. DID OSWALD TRY TO KILL FORMER MAJ. GEN. EDWIN A. WALKER?

A. "BASED ON THE CONTENTS OF THE NOTE WHICH OSWALD LEFT FOR HIS WIFE ON APRIL 10, 1963, THE PHOTOGRAPHS FOUND AMONG OSWALD'S POSSESSIONS, THE TESTIMONY OF FIREARMS IDENTIFICATION EXPERTS AND THE TESTIMONY OF MARINA OSWALD, THE COMMISSION HAS CONCLUDED THAT LEE HARVEY OSWALD ATTEMPTED TO TAKE THE LIFE OF MAJ. GEN. EDWIN A. WALKER (RESIGNED U.S. ARMY) ON APRIL 10, 1963."

Q. DID HE EVER SET OUT TO KILL RICHARD M. NIXON?

A. "THE COMMITTEE HAS CONCLUDED THAT REGARDLESS OF WHAT OSWALD MAY HAVE SAID TO HIS WIFE HE WAS NOT ACTUALLY PLANNING TO SHOOT MR. NIXON AT THAT TIME IN DALLAS."

Q. WAS OSWALD THE VICTIM OF POLICE BRUTALITY?

A. "OSWALD RESISTED ARREST IN THE TEXAS THEATER AND DREW A GUN. HE RECEIVED A SLIGHT CUT OVER HIS RIGHT EYE AND A BRUISE UNDER HIS LEFT EYE IN THE COURSE OF HIS STRUGGLES. DURING THE TIME HE WAS IN POLICE CUSTODY, HE WAS NEITHER ILL-TREATED NOR ABUSED."

Q. WAS OSWALD IN RUSSIA AS AN AGENT OF THE CIA OR THE FBI?

A. ". . . INVESTIGATION BY THE COMMISSION HAS REVEALED NO EVIDENCE THAT OSWALD WAS EVER EMPLOYED BY EITHER THE FBI OR CIA IN ANY CAPACITY."

Q. WAS OSWALD'S TRIP TO MEXICO CITY LESS THAN TWO MONTHS BEFORE THE ASSASSINATION IN ANY WAY CONNECTED WITH THE DEED?

A. "THE COMMISSION HAS NO CREDIBLE EVIDENCE THAT OSWALD WENT TO MEXICO PURSUANT TO ANY PLAN TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT KENNEDY. . ."

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Q. DID OSWALD MAKE A SECRET TRIP TO CUBA FROM MEXICO?

A. "THE COMMISSION HAS FOUND NO EVIDENCE THAT OSWALD MADE ANY FLIGHT TO CUBA WHILE HE WAS IN MEXICO. . ."

Q. WASN'T RUBY A NOTORIOUS DALLAS GANGSTER?

A. "THERE IS NO CREDIBLE EVIDENCE THAT JACK RUBY WAS ACTIVE IN THE CRIMINAL UNDERWORLD. INVESTIGATION DISCLOSED NO ONE EITHER IN CHICAGO OR DALLAS WHO HAD ANY KNOWLEDGE THAT RUBY WAS ASSOCIATED WITH ORGANIZED CRIMINAL ACTIVITY."

Q. DID OSWALD OR ACCOMPLICES ARRANGE A GET-AWAY BY PLANE?

A. "INVESTIGATION OF SUCH CLAIMS REVEALED THEY HAD NOT THE SLIGHTEST SUBSTANCE. THE COMMISSION FOUND NO EVIDENCE THAT OSWALD HAD ANY PREARRANGED PLAN FOR ESCAPE AFTER THE ASSASSINATION."

Q. WERE THE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PRESIDENT TRIP SATISFACTORY?

A. "THE COMMISSION HAS CONCLUDED THAT SOME OF THE ADVANCE PREPARATIONS IN DALLAS MADE BY THE SECRET SERVICE, SUCH AS THE DETAILED SECURITY MEASURES AT LOVE FIELD AND THE TRADE MART, WERE THOROUGH AND WELL EXECUTED. IN OTHER RESPECTS, HOWEVER, THE COMMISSION HAS CONCLUDED THAT THE ADVANCE PREPARATIONS FOR THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP WERE DEFICIENT."

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WASHINGTON, SEPT. 28 (AP)-THE WARREN COMMISSION MADE IT OFFICIAL THAT A WIDELY CIRCULATED ASSOCIATED PRESS PHOTO DID NOT SHOW LEE HARVEY OSWALD STANDING OUTSIDE THE TEXAS SCHOOL BOOK DEPOSITORY BUILDING AT THE TIME PRESIDENT KENNEDY WAS SHOT.

IN ITS REPORT, THE COMMISSION SAID THE MAN IN THE CROWD, WHO LOOKED SOMEWHAT LIKE OSWALD, ACTUALLY WAS BILLY LOVELADY, WHO ALSO WORKED IN THE BUILDING.

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