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**President Upholds
The Warren Report
On Oswald's Guilt**

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WASHINGTON, April 3 — President Ford told newsmen today that he had "seen no evidence" that would contradict the Warren Commission's conclusion that Lee Harvey Oswald was President Kennedy's assassin.

However, Mr. Ford, who served as a member of the commission that investigated the 1963 assassination, cautioned, "I think you have to read very carefully what the Warren Commission said."

The President's remarks were made in response to a question at his San Diego news conference.

"We said that Lee Harvey Oswald was the assassin," Mr. Ford went on. "We said that the commission had found no evidence of a conspiracy, foreign or domestic." [Question 18, Page 12.]

"Those words were very carefully drafted, and so far I have seen no evidence that would dispute the conclusions to which we came," the President said, asserting that the panel "most carefully analyzed all the evidence available" at the time.

He noted that the newly formed commission on the central intelligence agency's domestic activities, headed by Vice President Rockefeller, was looking for "the problems" raised by conflicting theories of the Kennedy assassination.

"I suspect that the House and Senate committees that are currently investigating CIA history may do the same," he said.

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**CIA Panel
May Probe
JFK Killing**

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SAN DIEGO, April 3—President Ford said today that the Rockefeller commission may investigate a report that the Central Intelligence Agency was involved in the 1963 assassination of President Kennedy.

At the same time the President used apparently carefully chosen language to defend the basic conclusion of the Warren commission which investigated the slaying. Mr. Ford, then a member of Congress, served as a member of the commission headed by then Chief Justice Earl Warren.

"We said that Lee Harvey Oswald was the assassin," Mr. Ford said in response to a question at his news conference here. "We said that the commission had found no evidence of a conspiracy, foreign or domestic."

Mr. Ford said the language had been "carefully drafted"

and that he had

participated

in the drafting of

Original, and

text of Ford's

reply to

question,

filed Ford.

"And so far, I have seen no evidence that would dispute the conclusions to which we came," Mr. Ford added.

The question came as a surprise at a news conference which largely focused on Vietnam issues. So did Mr. Ford's apparent preparation for it and his careful answer.

White House press secretary Ron Nessen said afterward that Mr. Ford was able to answer the question with such precision because the President had looked up the Warren commission findings "within the past month."

Nessen said the subject was being discussed about the time the allegations were raised about possible CIA involvement and that the President decided then to look up what the commission had said.

At the press conference today Mr. Ford was asked whether he still had confidence in the Warren commission findings. After replying that he does, the President made this statement:

"It is my understanding that the Rockefeller commission may if the facts seem to justify it take a look at the problem, and I suspect that the House and Senate committees that are currently investigating CIA history may do the same."