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Secret Report On Kennedy Autopsy Told

Washington

The Justice Department last night released a report by a heretofore secret panel of experts saying the autopsy findings on the death of the late President John F. Kennedy, as set out in the Warren Commission Report, were correct.

The report was made public on the eve of court proceedings instituted by New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison to have photographs and X-rays taken at the autopsy sent to Louisiana to be used in the trial of Clay L. Shaw.

Shaw was charged, after an investigation by Garrison, with conspiracy to murder Kennedy.

DONATION

The photographs and X-rays and other autopsy materials were placed in the

care of the national archivist, James B. Rhoads, by Mr. Kennedy's widow, now Mrs. Aristotle Onassis, and his brother, the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy, in 1966. A condition of the donation was that the material not be made public for five years.

The Warren Commission concluded, partly on the basis of the autopsy findings, that Mr. Kennedy was shot from behind November 22, 1963, by Lee Harvey Oswald, who was acting alone.

Garrison said he could prove from the autopsy material that the President was shot at least once from the front. Shaw, a 55-year-old retired New Orleans businessman, is accused by Garrison of helping plan the assassination. Shaw is due to go on trial January 21.

ASSISTANT

In New Orleans, Garrison's chief assistant said last night the release of a panel review on the autopsy "doesn't satisfy us."

James Alcock said the district attorney's office will still press for release of the full autopsy report, including photographs and X-rays, at a court hearing in Washington today.

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