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NEW YORK AP - A young New Yorker has written a book criticizing the Warren Commission report on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and questioning the commission's finding that Lee Harvey Oswald was the sole assassin.

Edward Jay Epstein, 30, said today that what was submitted as a master's thesis at Cornell University became the book - for official release June 29 -

"Inquest: The Warren Commission and the Establishment of Truth." He said the 224 - page book reads practically word for word as his thesis. Also, there is a new 20-page introduction.

Epstein currently is working on his doctoral at Harvard University.

The book contends the commission report was "extremely superficial," and that "there is a strong case that Oswald could not have acted alone . . . in establishing its version of the truth, the Warren Commission acted to reassure the nation and protect the national interest."

Epstein writes that the single-assassin theory rests on the assertion that a single bullet angled downward through Kennedy's neck, went on to strike Texas Gov. John Connally's chest and wrist and burrow in his thigh.

The Warren Commission was not certain that one bullet struck both men. However, the commission concluded that three shots were fired.

A home movie of the assassination on Nov. 22, 1963 suggests, writes Epstein, that the two men were shot a half second to 1.8 seconds apart - considerably under the 2.3 seconds Oswald would have needed to hit Kennedy, throw the bolt of the murder rifle and then strike Connally with a second shot.

By Epstein's reasoning, either both men were hit by one shot, or there were two assassins.

In the National Archives, Epstein writes, he unearthed two unpublished FBI summary reports dated Dec. 9, 1963, and Jan. 13, 1964, which disagreed with the published version of the autopsy.

The Warren report refers to a wound in the "back of the neck" of Kennedy. The commission published, in its report, an artist's drawing placing the entry wound near the base of the neck.

The FBI reports, writes Epstein, show pictures suggesting that the bullet struck his back, nearly six inches below the top of his collar. The author adds:

"If the FBI reports are accurate, as all the evidence indicates they are, then a central aspect of the autopsy was changed more than two months after the autopsy examination, and the autopsy report published in the Warren report is not the original one."

In rebuttal, an unidentified member of the commission counsel, and Norman Redlich, who was his deputy, have been quoted as saying the so-called "FBI summary report" was evaluated and discarded during the inquiry.

The FBI has declined comment on the assertions made by Epstein.