

A STUDY OF X-RAYS OF KENNEDY IS URGED

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Arlen Specter, who was a key commission lawyer and is now District Attorney of Philadelphia, said yesterday he personally had not seen the photographs or X-rays, but "the commission decided it was not necessary to review them." Mr. Specter had examined Com-

mander James J. Humes, autopsy surgeon, who testified he did not believe the X-rays would "materially assist" the commission.

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