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## New Skeptic On Assassination

Because John Wilkes Booth was stupidly killed before he could be questioned or brought to proper trial charged with the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, the succeeding century has been marked by countless books and tracts of speculation.

So it promises to be in the case of the murder of John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

Richard H. Popkin, chairman of the department of philosophy, UC at San Diego, has joined the ranks of those who have damned the Warren Report. Like the others, he cannot name the accomplice or accomplices he is sure Lee Harvey Oswald employed.

Prof. Popkin's book, published by Avon, is "The Second Oswald."

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HAD A TALK with Popkin the other day and the general impression he leaves is that he believes wholeheartedly in his right to be skeptical about the honesty of the Warren Report. Like the others, he calls for a new and thorough investigation and report.

Inevitably, "The Second Oswald" leans heavily on the new well-known variance between the official autopsy report, as it appears in the Warren Commission findings, and the FBI's autopsy report.

In brief, the official autopsy states that the bullet that seriously wounded Gov. John Connally of Texas first passed through the back of the President's neck and emerged through his adam's apple.

The FBI report states that a bullet struck the President inches below the collar line, did not come out, and may have fallen out at the Dallas hospital to which he was rushed.

From this conflict, the skeptics have all concluded that Oswald must have had an accomplice because he couldn't have done that much damage in those scarce seconds of firing.

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HE MUST have had one or even more accomplices, the Popkin book proposes. Popkin concludes Oswald was a dupe of some much more sinister individual or group.

This compelling influence on his life arranged for him to become involved in several damning situations BEFORE the day of the assassination: His one-man pro-Castro movement, Russian sojourn, the shot he took at Gen. Walker and a mild brush with Officer J. D. Tippit in a beanery a few days before the shots rang out.

Purpose of this, Popkin says blandly, was to make Oswald the most likely suspect to be picked up. The "Second" Oswald, and perhaps the third and fourth are still loose, he feels.

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