

Admits Warren report 'rigged'

"... so I sat down and re-wrote the whole section (of the Warren Commission report) and used the same number of footnotes ... and it went over (to the Government Printing Office) in my handwriting, which is not very clear."

The excerpt is from a taperecording of UCLA Law Professor Wesley J. Liebeler, the Warren Commission lawyer in charge of its New Orleans investigation on May 2, 1967.

He was referring to his actions immediately upon receiving the news that the FBI had "located" a man known as Leon Oswald, who had given prior warning of the assassination.

The tape, played on Nov. 13th

by Harold Weisberg at a press conference in San Francisco, made it clear that the staff of the Commission was going to every length to assure that they came to their present conclusion.

"... it was the night of the 20th or 21st of September when we were going over the page proofs of the Report for the last time," the tape continues. "(a) courier from the FBI came in with a letter from Mr. Hoover ... the FBI had found the men. There I am, marvelous!

("The men" Mr. Liebeler referred to were reported to have told a Mrs. Sylvia Odio that the President should be killed. Mr. Liebeler was working on the section dealing with threats to kill

Kennedy. One of the two men bears a close resemblance to a bearded man who Garrison says participated in the conspiracy.)

"... so I went down to (Commission Chief Counsel) Rankin (and said) ... 'What are we going to do, Mr. Rankin? 'Mr. Rankin ... said 'That's not the right question, Mr. Liebeler'. The question is, what are YOU going to do?' ... had to be done by 12 o'clock that night ..."

Liebeler then told of how he had rewritten the Report to conclude that "Leon Oswald" could not have been "Lee Oswald."

Weisberg commented: "whether this was or was not the real Lee Harvey Oswald, this should have been the beginning, not the end of an investigation."

The heretofore secret tape was made at a student coffee klatsch at UCLA. In it Liebeler also admitted his knowledge:

"That David Ferrie, the mysteriously dead New Orleans pilot, was connected with the anti-Castro Cuban Revolutionary Council and its former New Orleans chief, Sergio Arcacha Smith;

That the CRC used the address 544 Camp Street in New Orleans;

That the CRC was "financed" by the CIA, and was a CIA creation;

That Lee Oswald had used the 544 Camp Street address on his "pro-Castro" literature.

In the tape Liebeler states that, even knowing all this, he did not call Ferrie as a witness.

Weisberg has just released his fourth book on the Commission Report entitled "Oswald in New Orleans — Case for Conspiracy with the CIA."

He showed newsmen at the press conference over 400 pages of once-secret Government files which support his contention. The documents, he said, showed that Oswald was connected with anti-Castro forces, not pro-Castro forces.

Weisberg concluded that "... the members of the Commission are among the victims of the tragedies in the wake of the assassination. Their names were affixed to conclusions they did not write or see, conclusions I believe that, had they been fully informed, they would not have agreed to."

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