

WARREN 2-4

1ST ADD-DAY LD WARREN WASHINGTON XX TO CUBA.

FOR MANY PERSONS WHO REMEMBER WHAT THEY WERE DOING WHEN THEY HEARD KENNEDY WAS SHOT, NEW DISCUSSIONS OF THE ASSASSINATION EVOKE MEMORIES LIKE THOSE OF SMITH, THE LATE UPI REPORTER WHO WAS FOUR CARS AWAY FROM KENNEDY WHEN THE GUN WENT OFF. HE WON A PULITZER PRIZE FOR HIS REPORTING. HE WAS ON THE TEAM THAT SPENT THREE DAYS WITH THE 888-PAGE WARREN REPORT.

"WHILE EXAMINING THE DRY LANGUAGE OF REPORTS ON THE KENNEDY AUTOPSY PERFORMED AFTER HIS BODY WAS RETURNED TO WASHINGTON, I FELT AN UNEASY CHILL OF REMEMBRANCE," SMITH WROTE IN SEPTEMBER, 1964.

"WHEN THE KENNEDY CAR STOPPED AT THE ENTRANCE TO PARKLAND HOSPITAL THAT SUNNY AFTERNOON, I RAN TO THE SIDE OF THE VEHICLE. THE PRESIDENT WAS FACE DOWN ON THE BACK SEAT, INERT AND FOR ALL PRACTICAL MEASUREMENTS, DEAD AT THAT MOMENT.

"MRS. KENNEDY CRADLED HER ARMS AROUND HIS HEAD AND I REPORTED AT THE TIME SHE SEEMED TO BE WHISPERING TO HIM," HE CONTINUED. "FROM THE WARREN COMMISSION, I LEARNED SHE WAS SAYING 'I LOVE YOU JACK.' BUT HE DIDN'T HEAR HER. HE HAD HEARD NOTHING SINCE OSWALD'S SECOND BULLET BLEW AWAY PART OF HIS HEAD. THE AUTOPSY SAID THE HEAD WOUND MEASURED FIVE INCHES AT ITS GREATEST DIAMETER."

SMITH SAID HE AND SOME OF THE SECRET SERVICE AGENTS ON DUTY HAD TERRIBLE DREAMS.

"OVER A PERIOD OF WEEKS -- PERHAPS MONTHS, FOR I LOST COUNT -- NOT A NIGHT PASSED WITHOUT MY HEARING IN TROUBLED SLEEP THOSE THREE SHARP RIFLE SHOTS ... THE SCREAM OF SIRENS ... THE SKIDDING STOP IN THE HOSPITAL DRIVEWAY ... BROWN BUBBLES COMING FROM THE CHEST WOUND OF GOV. JOHN CONNALLY OF TEXAS ... THE DARK STAIN SPREADING DOWN THE SUIT OF THE FACE-DOWN KENNEDY," HE WROTE.

"THIS AWFUL NIGHTMARISH PERIOD PASSED EVENTUALLY, BUT IT COMES BACK AGAIN OCCASIONALLY. AND NOW THE WARREN REPORT. DEAR GOD, MAY I NEVER DREAM AGAIN. AT LEAST NOT THIS DREAM."

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