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WASHINGTON, JUNE 1 (AP)-A JAPANESE SECURITY AGENT WHO WORKED WITH THE FBI WAS QUOTED TODAY AS CONCLUDING THAT THE SLAYING OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY WAS A "COMPULETELY IMPULSIVE ACT" BY LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

THE AGENT, ATSUYUKI SASSA, SAID HE FOUND NO "SIGN OF CONSPIRACY OR INDICATION OF "ANY POLICE CONNIVANCE IN EXPOSING OSWALD TO POSSIBLE ASSASSINATION."

AN INTERVIEW WITH SASSA, COVERING THE CONTENT OF HIS OFFICIAL REPORT TO THE JAPANESE NATIONAL POLICE, WAS PUBLISHED TODAY BY THE MAGAZINE U. S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT. SASSA SAID HE WAS ASSIGNED QUIETLY TO THE INVESTIGATION BECAUSE OF OFFICIAL FEARS IN JAPAN THAT THE DALLAS ASSASSINATION MIGHT INSPIRE A WAVE OF POLITICAL ASSASSINATIONS IN JAPAN.

THE MAGAZINE SAID HE HAS ADVISED THE JAPANESE POLICE THAT "THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING WE CAN DO IN JAPAN TO PREVENT THE ASSASSINATION OF SOME IMPORTANT PERSON BY SOME RIFLEMAN SIMILAR TO OSWALD."

SASSA SAID MEDICAL AND BALLISTIC EVIDENCE REFUTES THE THEORY THAT ANY OF THE SHOTS WHICH STRUCK KENNEDY AND WOUNDED TEXAS GOV. JOHN CONNALLY CAME FROM THE FRONT. TO HAVE STRUCK KENNEDY FROM THE FRONT, HE EXPLAINED, THE ASSASSIN WOULD HAVE HAD TO LIE ON THE PAVEMENT AHEAD OF THE CAR, AND HIS SHOT WOULD HAVE HAD TO PIERCE THE WINDSHIELD.

HE ALSO ATTACKED THE THEORY PUBLICIZED ABROAD BY WRITER THOMAS BUCHANAN THAT THREE SHOTS COULD NOT HAVE BEEN FIRED ACCURATELY IN THE SHORT TIME THE PRESIDENTIAL LIMOUSINE WAS WITHIN RANGE OF THE TEXAS SCHOOL BOOK DEPOSITORY BUILDING IN DALLAS.

"THE FBI OFFICIALLY TIMES THE SHOOTING AS TAKING OVER SIX SECONDS-- FROM 6:5 TO 6.6 SECONDS," SASSA SAID. "... YOU COUNT AFTER THE FIRST SHOT IS SQUEEZED. ANY MARKSMAN CAN DO WHAT WAS DONE AND HIT THE TARGET. ANY NONEXPERT CAN DO IT AND COME CLOSE."

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see also U.S. News & World Report, June 8 1964, p. 38.