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WASHINGTON, NOV. 2 (AP)-THE FAMILY OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY HAS TURNED OVER TO THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES PICTURES TAKEN IN CONNECTION WITH THE AUTOPSY PERFORMED AFTER HIS ASSASSINATION--PICTURES THAT DOCTORS SAY ADD NOTHING TO EVIDENCE ALREADY ON RECORD.

THE 65 PICTURES AND X-RAYS, WHICH WERE NOT EXAMINED BY THE WARREN COMMISSION DURING ITS INVESTIGATION, WERE PRESENTED TO THE ARCHIVES UNDER CONDITIONS WHICH VIRTUALLY PRECLUDE PUBLIC VIEWING OF THEM FOR MANY YEARS.

A JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID LAST NIGHT THE DEPARTMENT HAD ASKED FOR THE 14 X-RAYS, 25 BLACK-AND-WHITE NEGATIVES AND 26 COLOR TRANSPARANCIES TO COMPLETE THE GOVERNMENT'S COLLECTION OF ASSASSINATION MATERIAL FOR THE HISTORICAL RECORD.

THE TWO NAVY PATHOLOGISTS WHO PERFORMED THE AUTOPSY THE NIGHT AFTER KENNEDY WAS SHOT SAID IN INTERVIEWS LAST NIGHT THE X-RAYS AND PICTURES MERELY BACK UP TESTIMONY THEY GAVE THE COMMISSION. AND ONE OF THEM SAID THE PHOTOGRAPHS WERE INTENDED FOR USE IN THE TRIAL OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD, NAMED BY THE COMMISSION AS KENNEDY'S ASSASSIN.

"THESE PHOTOS ARE NOTHING MORE THAN SUPPORTIVE EVIDENCE FOR INFORMATION WE PRESENTED TO THE WARREN COMMISSION," SAID CMDR. J. THORNTON BOSWELL, WHO ASSISTED CMDR. JAMES J. HUMES IN THE AUTOPSY. "ALL THEY WOULD DO WOULD BE TO DOCUMENT WHAT WE DISCUSSED...I AM SURE THE PHOTOGRAPHS WOULD CORROBORATE OUR TESTIMONY..."

BOSWELL ADDED:

"THEY WERE MEDICAL-LEGAL PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN FOR PRESENTATION IN COURT AT THE OSWALD TRIAL. OSWALD WAS STILL ALIVE AT THE TIME OF THE AUTOPSY."

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KENNEDY WAS ASSASSINATED IN DALLAS, TEX., ON NOV. 22, 1963.. TWO DAYS LATER, OSWALD WAS SHOT AND KILLED BY JACK RUBY IN A CORRIDOR OF THE DALLAS JAIL.

HUMES SAID COMMISSION MEMBERS HAD ASKED WHETHER THE PICTURES WERE NEEDED IN CONNECTION WITH THE PATHOLOGISTS' TESTIMONY. "WE FELT THEY WERE NOT," HE SAID.

ASKED WHETHER THE PICTURES DISCLOSED ANYTHING NOT COVERED IN THE TESTIMONY, HUMES SAID, "I WOULD NOT HAVE TESTIFIED BEFORE THE COMMISSION THE WAY I DID IF I FELT THERE WAS ANYTHING DIFFERENT ABOUT THEM."

SOME RECENT CRITICISM OF THE COMMISSION FOCUSED ON THE FACT THAT THE COMMISSION DID NOT SEE AUTOPSY PICTURES.

ONE COMMISSION MEMBER, ALLEN W. DULLES, SAID HE DIDN'T RECALL THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE COMMISSION'S DECISION NOT TO EXAMINE THE PICTURES.

BUT A TRANSCRIPT OF THE COMMISSION'S PROCEEDINGS SHOWED THERE WAS THIS EXCHANGE BETWEEN HUMES AND ARLEN SPECTER, THE COMMISSION'S ASSISTANT COUNSEL, WHEN HUMES TESTIFIED MARCH 16, 1964:

SPECTER: NOW THAT YOU HAVE FINISHED YOUR MAJOR DESCRIPTIONS OF THE WOUNDS, CAN YOU BE ANY MORE SPECIFIC IN TELLING US IN WHAT WAY THE AVAILABILITY OF THE X-RAYS WOULD ASSIST IN FURTHER SPECIFYING THE NATURE OF THE WOUNDS?

HUMES: I DO NOT BELIEVE, SIR, THAT THE AVAILABILITY OF THE X-RAYS WOULD MATERIALLY ASSIST THE COMMISSION.

SPECTER: HOW ABOUT THE SAME QUESTION AS TO THE PICTURES?

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HUMES: THE PICTURES WOULD SHOW MORE ACCURATELY AND IN MORE DETAIL THE CHARACTER OF THE WOUNDS AS DEPICTED PARTICULARLY IN (EXHIBITS) 385 AND 386 AND IN 388-A. THEY WOULD ALSO PERHAPS GIVE THE COMMISSIONERS A BETTER--BETTER IS NOT THE BEST TERM, BUT A MORE GRAPHIC PICTURE OF THE MASSIVE DEFECT IN 388.

(HUMES REFERRED TO THREE DRAWINGS ENTERED AS EXHIBITS WHICH DEPICTED THE POSITION OF KENNEDY'S WOUNDS AND THE PATHS FOLLOWED BY THE BULLETS.)

AT THIS POINT, CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, COMMISSION CHAIRMAN, INTERRUPTED AND ASKED HUMES: "IF WE HAD THE PICTURES HERE AND YOU COULD LOOK THEM OVER AGAIN AND RESTATE YOUR OPINION, WOULD IT CAUSE YOU TO CHANGE ANY OF THE TESTIMONY YOU HAVE GIVEN HERE?"

HUMES REPLIED: "TO THE BEST OF MY RECOLLECTION, MR. CHIEF JUSTICE, IT WOULD NOT."

HUMES TESTIFIED THE X-RAYS AND PHOTOGRAPHS WERE TAKEN BEFORE AND DURING THE AUTOPSY. AMONG THEM, HE SAID, WAS "A PHOTOGRAPH SHOWING THE MASSIVE HEAD WOUND..." OTHER PHOTOGRAPHS WERE TAKEN LATER OF KENNEDY'S BRAIN AND OF THE INTERIOR OF HIS CHEST, HUMES TOLD THE COMMISSION.

HE TESTIFIED THE X-RAYS WERE DEVELOPED AT THE HOSPITAL FOR USE

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EPORT, BUT THAT THE PHOTOGRAPHS "WERE TURNED OVER TO THE SECRET SERVICE" WITHOUT BEING DEVELOPED "AND I HAVE NOT SEEN ANY OF THEM SINCE."

THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN SAID HE DID NOT KNOW HOW THE X-RAYS AND PICTURES CAME INTO THE POSSESSION OF THE KENNEDY FAMILY.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE PICTURES, AUTHENTICATED BY HUMES AND BOSWELL, ARE THE ONLY ONES OF THE AUTOPSY KNOWN TO EXIST.

A LETTER DATED OCT. 29 AND SIGNED BY BURKE MARSHALL, REPRESENTING THE KENNEDY FAMILY, GAVE THE GOVERNMENT POSSESSION OF THE PICTURES. MARSHALL, FORMER HEAD OF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT'S CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION, NOW LIVES IN NEW YORK CITY AND HAS HANDLED OTHER MATTERS FOR THE KENNEDY FAMILY.

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The letter also gave the government possession of the clothes Kennedy was wearing when he was shot. Restrictions on viewing these are somewhat less stringent than for the pictures.

And earlier yesterday, the government took legal title to the great mass of evidence considered by the commission. The evidence, including the rifle designated by the commission as the death weapon, was ordered preserved in the archives.

Under conditions laid down by the Kennedy family, there will be no unofficial access to the autopsy pictures without the consent of the family for the first five years. This does not apply to official government investigating groups, which may see the pictures at any time.

After the first five years, access is limited to recognized experts in pathology or related services, again with the consent of the Kennedy family.

These restrictions, which apply for the lifetime of ~~the~~ Kennedy's widow, his parents, brothers and sisters, and his two children, apparently preclude any critics of the Warren Commission report from viewing the pictures.

The rest of the evidence turned over to the Archives may possibly be shown to scholars and investigators, officials said. But Dr. James B. Rhoads, deputy archivist, said "we don't ~~plan~~ plan to place them on exhibit any time in the foreseeable future."

The Justice Department spokesman said arrangements to take possession of the autopsy pictures were handled informally. He said the Department had been asked by the Kennedys not to announce the acquisition, but had done so in answer to many queries.

Asked if the Kennedy family had more material pertinent to the assassination, the spokesman said. "we know of nothing they are holding back."

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