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FIRST LEAD ARCHIVES-KENNEDY

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WASHINGTON, NOV. 4 (AP)--PRESIDENT JOHNSON SAID TODAY HE KNOWS OF NO EVIDENCE WHATEVER THAT WOULD ^{lead} ~~DEATH~~ "ANY REASONABLE PERSON TO HAVE A DOUBT" ABOUT THE WARREN COMMISSION'S REPORT ON THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

THE COMMISSION FOUND THAT THE KILLING WAS DONE BY LEE HARVEY OSWALD, ACTING ALONE.

AT THE PRESIDENT'S NEWS CONFERENCE, A NEWSMAN NOTED THAT QUESTIONS RAISED IN RECENT BOOKS AND BY LAWYERS HAD CAST DOUBTS ON THE ADEQUACY OF THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT.

THE NEWSMAN SAID CERTAIN EVIDENCE, SUCH AS X-RAY PHOTOS TAKEN DURING THE AUTOPSY, WERE ALLEGED TO BE MYSTERIOUSLY MISSING, AND NOW HAVE BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES BY THE KENNEDY FAMILY, ALTHOUGH STILL KEPT SECRET.

THE NEWSMAN ASKED WHY THE WHEREABOUTS OF THESE EXHIBITS WAS NOT DISCLOSED BEFORE, AND WHY "THEY ARE STILL NOT AVAILABLE TO NONGOVERNMENTAL" PERSONS.

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THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT THE EXHIBITS ARE AVAILABLE TO OFFICIAL INVESTIGATORS.

AS FOR OTHERS, HE SAID, "I THINK EVERY AMERICAN CAN UNDERSTAND WHY THE GARMENTS (THE SUIT KENNEDY WAS WEARING) AND THE RECORDS SHOULD NOT BE PARADED OUT IN EVERY SEWING CIRCLE IN THE COUNTRY TO BE EXPLOITED WITHOUT SERVING ANY GOOD OR USEFUL PURPOSE."

IF ANYONE SHOULD PRODUCE NEW EVIDENCE CAUSING ANY REASONABLE PERSON TO HAVE A DOUBT, HE SAID, IT WILL BE CONSIDERED.

THE ACCUMULATION OF EVIDENCE WHICH THE WARREN COMMISSION CONSIDERED IS NOW UNDER TIGHT SECURITY IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES.

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WASHINGTON, NOV. 4 (AP)-THE MASS OF EVIDENCE THAT LED THE WARREN COMMISSION TO DECIDE LEE HARVEY OSWALD KILLED PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY LIES UNDER TIGHT SECURITY AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES.

INCLUDED IN THE HUNDREDS OF EXHIBITS ARE THE ITALIAN-MADE 6.5 MILLIMETER MANNLICHER-CARCANO RIFLE THAT THE COMMISSION SAID WAS THE DEATH WEAPON, THE SUIT KENNEDY WORE WHEN HE WAS SHOT AND 65 PHOTOGRAPHS AND X-RAYS TAKEN IN CONNECTION WITH THE KENNEDY AUTOPSY.

THE CONTROVERSIAL PHOTOGRAPHS NEVER WERE VIEWED BY THE COMMISSION BUT TWO PATHOLOGISTS WHO PERFORMED THE AUTOPSY SAID THE PICTURES MERELY BACK UP THEIR TESTIMONY BEFORE THE COMMISSION.

MUCH OF THE EVIDENCE IS DESTINED TO LIE UNSEEN BEHIND LOCKED DOORS IN ONE OF THE FEW MAXIMUM SECURITY CHAMBERS IN THE ARCHIVES' 196 CONCRETE -AND-STEEL STACK AREAS.

THE AUTOPSY PHOTOGRAPHS COULD REMAIN UNVIEWED BY ANYONE EXCEPT OFFICIALS GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATING AGENCIES FOR MANY YEARS UNDER THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE KENNEDY FAMILY WHICH PROVIDED FOR ACQUISITION OF THE PICTURES.

MOST OF THE ASSASSINATION EVIDENCE HAS BEEN AT THE ARCHIVES FOR ABOUT TWO YEARS, SINCE THE WARREN COMMISSION FINISHED WITH IT. TECHNICALLY, HOWEVER, IT BELONGED TO THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT UNTIL TUESDAY.

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ALTHOUGH OFFICIALS WOULD NOT DISCLOSE THE PRECISE LOCATION OF THE KENNEDY MATERIAL, THEY INDICATED IT IS WELL PROTECTED. UNAUTHORIZED ENTRY TO ANY OF THESE ROOMS--OR EVEN TO THE LESS SECURE STACKS--IS AUTOMATICALLY KNOWN TO THE ARCHIVES' GUARD FORCE.

BUT ALL THIS SECURITY IS SLIGHTLY ANNOYING TO ARCHIVES OFFICIALS. THEY SAY THAT LESS THAN 5 PER CENT OF THE 900,000 CUBIC FEET OF FEDERAL RECORDS IS DEVOTED TO CLASSIFIED MATTER.

AND THEY ARE QUICK TO EMPHASIZE THAT "THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ARCHIVES ARE NOT JUST TO PRESERVE THESE DOCUMENTS, BUT THERE IS

AN EQUAL RESPONSIBILITY TO ENCOURAGE THE USE OF THESE MATERIALS."

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES, THE REPOSITORY OF ALL OFFICIALS DOCUMENTS OF U.S. HISTORY, IS BEST KNOWN FOR ITS PERPETUAL DISPLAY OF THE ORIGINAL DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, CONSTITUTION AND BILL OF RIGHTS.

THESE ARE KEPT IN HELIUM-FILLED CHAMBERS WHICH ARE LOWERED EACH NIGHT INTO A VAULT THAT OFFICIALS EAY WILL PROTECT THE PAPERS FROM ANYTHING BUT A DIRECT HIT BY A NUCLEAR BOMB.

BUT BEHIND ITS FACADE OF 72 CORINTHIAN COLUMNS OF INDIANA LIMESTONE, THE SHELVES OF THE 21 SEVEN-FOOT-HIGH TIERS OF THE ARCHIVES ARE NEATLY LINED WITH BOUND VOLUMES AND BOXES CONTAINING ORIGINAL LETTERS WRITTEN BY VIRTUALLY EVERY PUBLIC OFFICIALS IN THE NATION'S HISTORY.

THEY INCLUDE THE ORIGINAL JOURNAL ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF 1787; THE WAR MAP FROM GEN. DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER'S SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE; SERVICE RECORDS OF MOST AMERICAN SOLDIERS WHO SERVED IN ALL WARS FROM THE REVOLUTION TO THE SPANISH-AMERICAN, INCLUDING MEMBERS OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES ARMIES; PASSENGER LISTS OF ALL SHIPS ARRIVING IN THE UNITED STATES FROM 1824 TO 1906 AND 10,500 CUBIC FEET OF LOG BOOKS FROM NAVY VESSELS.

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THERE ALSO IS SOME MEMORABILIA NOT IN DOCUMENTARY FORM, INCLUDING A WHALE'S TOOTH GIVEN TO PRESIDENT ULYSSES S. GRANT BY THE KING OF FIJI IN 1870 AND A SWORD PRESENTED BY THE KING OF SIAM TO PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN IN 1861.

IN SPECIALLY SECURE CHAMBERS--SIMILAR TO THE ONE HOUSING THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION ON EVIDENCE--ARE THE ORIGINALS OF THE NATION'S LAWS AND TREATIES. THERE ALSO IS SOME CLASSIFIED MILITARY MATERIAL DEALING MOSTLY WITH WORLD WAR II INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS.

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