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Prof to Review JFK Assassination

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LOS ANGELES — A former Warren Commission staff member has launched a re-study of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in an attempt to answer the questions raised by two new books.

Prof. Wesley J. Liebeler of the University of California law school here said he will be assisted by "two or three" full-time aides and 20 third-year law students.

"We do not expect to turn up any new evidence, but we expect to clarify what was found in the commission's investigation," said Liebeler, who served as an assistant counsel on the commission's staff.

Liebeler rapped "distortions" and "misstatements" in two recent books critical of the Warren report, "Rush to

Judgment" by attorney Mark Lane and "Inquest" by Edward Jay Epstein.

The UCLA professor said he and fellow commission staff members have been appalled at the nature of subsequent attacks questioning the conclusion that Lee Harvey Oswald was acting alone.

Liebeler, an honor graduate of the University of Chicago law school in 1957, said he agreed with the Commission's conclusions, but that he was unhappy about the way the report was written.

The investigation was thorough, but there was a rush in writing the report," Liebeler said.

"There's evidence in the record not entirely reflected in the Warren report.

"That doesn't mean that it wasn't considered.

"But it needs to be put in one concise place so that readers can look at it and make up their own minds."

Liebeler said his 20 law students, members of a seminar on security, will each take a topic in the report, go through the record and come up with an analysis of the evidence on each question.

He said they will first go through the 26-volume report itself and then into the Commission's working papers, now in the National Archives, which he said may be available for study within 60 days.

Liebeler's principal job for the Commission was to write the chapter on Oswald's background and possible motives plus a share of the chapter on a possible conspiracy. He said he would write a book based on the re-study.