

Call for New Probe of Assassination

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Life Magazine called yesterday for a new investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, contending there is "reasonable doubt" that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone.

The magazine said in this week's edition, to be published today, evidence shows "that reasonable—and disturbing — doubt remains."

"One conclusion is inescapable," Life said. "The national interest deserves clear resolution of the doubts. A new investigating body should be set up, perhaps at the initiative of Congress. In a scrupulously objective and unhurried atmosphere, without the pressure to give reassurance to a shocked country, it should re-examine the evidence and consider other evidence the Warren Commission failed to evaluate."

BULLETS

The magazine said Texas Governor John Connally, who was riding with Mr. Kennedy in the Dallas motorcade Nov. 22, 1963, and was wounded himself, was still certain that he and Mr. Kennedy were hit by two different bullets, not one as the Warren Commission determined.

Connally was even more convinced that his earlier testimony before the commission to that effect was correct, Life said, after viewing blow-ups of movie film of the assassination taken by Abraham Zapruder, a bystander.

"The evidence," Life said, "particularly that given by Governor Connally and his interpretation of the Zapruder film, does not prove that Oswald had a co-conspirator.

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Nor does it disprove it. It does show that reasonable — and disturbing — doubt remains."

WOUNDS

The Warren Commission decided that Connally, who had been sitting on a jump seat in front of Mr. Kennedy, was hit by a bullet that went through Mr. Kennedy's neck. The bullet hit Connally in three places, the Commission determined. Another hit Mr. Kennedy in the back of the head, killing him.

Connally testified at the time that he heard the first shot that hit Mr. Kennedy and was turning to look at the President when he felt a second shot hit him. After viewing the Zapruder film recently, he told Life:

"They talk about the 'one-bullet or two-bullet theory,' but as far as I'm concerned, there is no 'theory.' There is my absolute knowledge . . . that one bullet caused the President's first wound, and that an entirely separate shot struck me.

"It's a certainty, I'll never change my mind."