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FIRST LEAD ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATION (180)

WASHINGTON, DEC. 9 (AP)-THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT SENT TO A PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION TODAY ITS REPORT ON THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY AND THE SUBSEQUENT SLAYING OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD.

ITS DETAILS WERE NOT DISCLOSED, BUT IT IS KNOWN TO NAME OSWALD, BEYOND THE SHADOW OF A DOUBT, AS THE MAN WHO SHOT KENNEDY WITH AN ITALIAN MADE MAIL ORDER RIFLE FROM A SIXTH-FLOOR WINDOW IN DALLAS, NOV. 22.

IT ALSO IS EXPECTED TO CONCLUDE THAT JACK RUBY, A DALLAS NIGHTCLUB OWNER, FATALLY SHOT OSWALD TWO DAYS LATER; THAT OSWALD AND RUBY BOTH WERE ACTING ALONE; AND THAT THEY NEVER KNEW EACH OTHER.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON ORDERED THE INVESTIGATION BY THE FBI.

THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, TRANSMITTING THE REPORT TO THE SEVEN-MAN COMMISSION HEADED BY CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN, SAID THE COMMISSION "HAS REQUESTED THAT THE REPORT NOT BE MADE PUBLIC UNTIL THE COMMISSION HAS REVIEWED IT AND TAKEN WHATEVER ACTION IT MAY FEEL APPROPRIATE."

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THE FBI INVESTIGATION, THE DEPARTMENT SAID, IS CONTINUING AND FURTHER FACTS UNCOVERED WILL BE REPORTED TO THE WARREN COMMISSION.

THE SENATE VOTED UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TODAY OF A RESOLUTION GIVING BROAD POWERS TO THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATING COMMISSION.

THE RESOLUTION WAS SENT TO THE HOUSE. IT EMPOWERS THE PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION TO FORCE TESTIMONY FROM RELUCTANT WITNESSES BY GRANTING IMMUNITY FROM PROSECUTION FOR WHAT THEY SAY.

THE COMMISSION'S SUBPOENAS WOULD BE ENFORCEABLE BY FEDERAL COURT ORDERS. FAILURE TO COMPLY WOULD BE PUNISHABLE AS CONTEMPT.

THE COMMISSION WILL ETC PICKING UP 3RD GRAF A20 AND ELIMINATING 7TH AND 8TH GRAFS "ALTHOUGH THERE X X X TWO DAYS LATER."

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