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WASHINGTON AP - Earl Warren Jr. said Monday night the Warren Commission investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy was his father's most taxing period.

"I don't think in all the years that I've known my father I've ever seen him go through a period that I felt was as draining on him as this," the former chief justice's son said on a National Educational Television network special.

President Lyndon B. Johnson set up the commission in November 1963 and it returned its report in September 1964.

Young Warren said he suspected the Warren Commission investigation "was not an easy chore from the standpoint of the personalities involved.

"I imagine it was exceptionally difficult even to get the parties to agree on what form the investigation would take. And it was very noticeable to me that this was taxing him extremely heavily.

"And I know that he personally had to relive, constantly, that assassination and with his tremendous regard for the dead president, I just think that in itself was more than a man should be asked to do."

Warren, 78, retired last week after 18 years as chief justice of the United States. He left Monday for California and an ocean trip to Alaska.

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