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**ON THE DOORSTEP**



**It Is More Than a Crime Report**

**I**N THE great monumental mass of the Warren report on the assassination of President Kennedy, it is important that Americans perceive two stories, and not simply one.

The first is the official account of a crime that has changed history, an account that tells us with clarity, detail and assurance who did the killing, how it was done and how it might have been prevented.

This account establishes beyond question what most reasonable men have accepted since last November—that Lee Harvey Oswald was the killer, that he acted alone, that the motivation arose from his own twisted personality and that the crime might possibly have been prevented if there had been more thoroughness and coordination among several security agencies involved.

**JOHN F. KENNEDY** — one of the brightest, most successful and most favored men in our history — was killed by one of the most rejected and most futile citizens this nation has ever produced.

He was successful at almost everything he undertook—an honor student at school, a hero in war, a winner in elections to the House, the Senate and the presidency.

It is significant that this favored man on the inside of our society

should be struck down by a man on the outside, a man who lived in our society most of his life but was never a part of it.

Oswald failed at almost everything he undertook. He was in trouble with the Marines, he was fired from jobs, he was at odds with almost everyone he met.

He was no more at home in the Soviet Union than he was in his own country.

Last Nov. 22, on a street in Dallas, the price of Oswald's alienation proved to be the death of President Kennedy.

**T**HE story of Oswald may be, among other things, a warning that those of us who are at home in our society, no matter how fortunate, can never be entirely safe until we have coped with the problems of those who are alienated from it.

From the Warren report, we hope there will stem a whole series of new Secret Service and FBI measures to protect our presidents more effectively. This is the obvious first point to be made.

But we hope also that there will arise a new awareness of the danger to us all from the alienated and the desperate, hating from the outside a society that they are not quite able to become a part of.

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