

WARREN REPORT (WITH AUSTIN) (220)

WASHINGTON, OCT. 5 (AP)-REP. GERALD R. FORD, A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION THAT INVESTIGATED THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, SAID TODAY NO EVIDENCE HAS BEEN BROUGHT UP THAT WOULD CAST DOUBT ON ITS FINDINGS.

THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION HAS BEEN THE TARGET OF SEVERAL CRITICS RECENTLY. THESE HAVE NOT SO MUCH ATTACKED THE CENTRAL FINDING THAT LEE HARVEY OSWALD SHOT KENNEDY, BUT RATHER HAVE SUGGESTED THE COMMISSION CONDUCTED ITS STUDY HASTILY AND SHOWED MORE INTEREST IN PRODUCING A REPORT THAT WOULD QUIET RUMORS THAN IN FOLLOWING EVERY POSSIBLE LEAD TO THE END. SOME HAVE SUGGESTED THE POSSIBILITY THAT SOMEONE IN ADDITION TO OSWALD MIGHT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED.

FORD, A MICHIGAN REPUBLICAN AND HIS PARTY'S LEADER IN THE HOUSE, SAID THE AMERICAN PEOPLE SHOULD ASK THEMSELVES ONE QUESTION:

"IN ALL OF THE CRITIQUES, HAS ANY NEW EVIDENCE BEEN INTRODUCED THAT WOULD CAST DOUBT ON THE FINDINGS OF THE WARREN COMMISSION? THERE IS ONLY ONE ANSWER TO THAT QUESTION, AND THAT ANSWER IS 'NO.'"

FORD CONTINUED, IN A STATEMENT:

"THERE HAS BEEN MUCH SPECULATION ABOUT THE COMMISSION'S REPORT IN RECENT MONTHS. WHAT TOUCHED IT OFF? PRIMARILY IT WAS TRIGGERED BY A STUDENT'S THESIS AND BY THE WRITINGS OF AN ATTORNEY WHOSE SERVICES WERE REJECTED BY THE MOTHER OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD AT THE TIME OF THE WARREN COMMISSION HEARINGS.

"THAT SPECULATION OF THIS KIND SHOULD BE USED TO UNDERMINE THE CONSCIENTIOUS AND THOROUGH WORK OF THE WARREN COMMISSION AND MEMBERS OF ITS STAFF IS TO DO A D

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CONSCIENTIOUS AND THOROUGH WORK OF THE WARREN COMMISSION AND MEMBERS OF ITS STAFF IS TO DO A DISSERVICE TO ALL OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND TO THE MEMORY OF THE LATE PRESIDENT KENNEDY."

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