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Warren Report and Rumors

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WASHINGTON — The long-awaited Warren Commission report on the assassination of President Kennedy is being published this weekend, but it is unlikely to still the controversy raging around that tragic event last Nov. 22.

From advance reports, the commission has found that the President was killed by one man acting alone, Lee Harvey Oswald.

This finding results from 10 months of hearing testimony and sifting evidence by the seven-man presidential investigating commission named by President Johnson and headed by Chief Justice Earl Warren.

The typewritten transcript of testimony is understood to run to about 20,000 pages, or more than 7,000 pages in printed form as an addendum to the report itself.

The report, said to be more than 700 pages long, was formally presented to President Johnson at the White House on Thursday. It is being made public for Monday papers.

Along with it, informants said, was an appendix going into detail about the various theories causing so much astir abroad.

All of these theories were

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rejected by the Warren Commission on the basis of painstakingly gathered evidence, it was reported.

Chief among the disputants have been Mark Lane, a New York lawyer who claims to represent Oswald, and Thomas G. Buchanan, an American expatriate whose book, "Who Killed Kennedy?" has been a best-seller in England since it was published there in May.

Other writings, questioning whether Oswald killed Kennedy or did it alone, have been published in France, Spain, Brazil, and other countries.

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The main theme of such musings, always without concrete evidence, is that Kennedy was the victim of a plot involving several men.

It was considered a not unnatural inclination in Europeans, whose own history is replete with examples of intrigue and murder among those in high places.

And there is more romantic appeal in the plot theory than in the evidence-supported indications that Oswald was an insane "loner."

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He said then that he had heard of a secret meeting in a Dallas night club eight days before the President was killed in that Texas city.

At the meeting, he said, were J. D. Tippit, the Dallas patrolman slain while trying to arrest Oswald; Bernard Weissman of New York, who placed an anti-Kennedy advertisement in a Dallas newspaper the day Kennedy was shot, and an unidentified third person.

He said the meeting was held Nov. 14 in the Carousel Club, owned by Jack Ruby,

who shot Oswald to death in the Dallas jail two days after the assassination.

Weissman, however, denied that he had ever met Tippit, Ruby, or Oswald, or that he had ever been in Ruby's night club. As far as he knew, he said, nobody he associated with in Dallas ever attended such a meeting.

FIRED ON

The Warren Commission report was said to find that three shots were fired on that fateful Nov. 22 from the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository building.

One was determined to have hit him in the back, wounding him but not fatally. A second shot, it was said, struck him in the back of the head and killed him. A third bullet, fired either before or after these two, went wild, it was understood.

The report was expected to say that the first shot which hit President Kennedy in the back passed through his body and struck Texas Gov. John B. Connally, riding on the limousine's jump seat in front of him. It wounded Connally in the shoulder, arm and leg.

Despite the Warren commission's exhaustive hearings and lengthy report, speculation is likely to continue. Americans and Europeans, especially those unencumbered with having read the report, will continue to ask such questions as: Did Oswald know Ruby, the man who killed him? Did a bullet hit the President from the front? Was it possible for one man to fire three shots that fast? What was the motive?

Indications are that the commission, in dealing with such questions, will report: No link of any kind has been established between Oswald and Ruby. Oswald lived for a time in Russia and was turned down when he sought a visa to visit Cuba a year ago, but there is no evidence he was ever an agent for either country. Nor does evi-

dence exist to suggest an accomplice.

The President had a small wound just below the Adam's apple, but it was caused by a fragment of the bullet which entered the back of his head. A crack marksman could have fired the three shots in the time span—4½ seconds between the first and second shots, 2½ seconds between the second and third shots.

As to motive, one suggestion was that Oswald was trying only to kill Connally, to whom he had written in vain (When Connally was Secretary of the Navy) protesting an undesirable discharge from the Marines after his defection to Russia; but indications are that he was aiming for the President too, and the only explanation feasible is that he was insane.