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ADVANCE FOR 2230GMT -- CAUTION: NOTE TIME

REPORT--DISTRIBUTION

(ADVANCE) WASHINGTON, SEPT. 27 (AP)-DISTRIBUTION TO NEWSMEN OF THE REPORT ON THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY WAS AN ORDERLY AFFAIR LAST FRIDAY MORNING IN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE BUILDING NEXT TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

REPORTERS HAD BEEN TOLD IT WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED AT 9 A.M. IN THE OLD INDIAN TREATY ROOM WHERE PRESIDENT DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER HELD NEWS CONFERENCES.

BY 7:50 A.M., THE LINE BEGAN FORMING DOWN THE TILED HALL. THE REPORTERS--MANY WITH COURIERS--CHATTED, READ NEWSPAPERS AND WORKED CROSSWORD PUZZLES WHILE THEY WAITED.

BY 9:02 A.M., WHEN THE DOORS WERE OPENED, APPROXIMATELY 100 WERE IN LINE. MANY HAD CARDBOARD BOXES, SUITCASES, BRIEFCASES AND EVEN SHOPPING BAGS TO CARRY THE BULKY BOOKS.

THE REPORT BORE A STICKER ON THE FRONT SAYING NO PART OF IT COULD BE RELEASED OR EVEN HINTED AT BEFORE 2230GMT SUNDAY. THIS GAVE REPORTERS THREE DAYS TO READ AND DIGEST IT.

THERE WAS ANOTHER EMBARGO SAYING THE REPORT WAS NOT TO BE TRANSMITTED BY A NETWORK, WIRE SERVICE OR ANY NEWS SERVICE TO ANY CLIENT, OR TO ANY POINT OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES BY ANY MEANS, BEFORE 0700GMT SUNDAY.

ALL WERE PUT ON THEIR HONOR TO OBEY THE EMBARGOES.

THE GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE (GPO) HAD PRINTED THE REPORT IN ITS USUAL SECRECY. ONE OFFICIAL TOLD A REPORTER THAT IF THERE HAD BEEN A LEAK "I'D HAVE SLASHED MY THROAT."

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