

(460) REPORT-HIGHLIGHTS

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON, SEPT. 28 (AP)-HERE ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE REPORT OF THE WARREN COMMISSION ON THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY:

AT 1 P.M., AFTER ALL HEART ACTIVITY CEASED AND THE LAST RITES WERE ADMINISTERED BY A PRIEST, PRESIDENT KENNEDY WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD.

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THE AUTOPSY REVEALED A SMALL WOUND OF ENTRY IN THE REAR OF THE PRESIDENT'S SKULL AND ANOTHER WOUND OF ENTRY NEAR THE BASE OF THE BACK OF THE NECK. THE BULLETS WHICH STRUCK THE PRESIDENT WERE DESCRIBED AS HAVING BEEN FIRED "FROM A POINT BEHIND AND SOMEWHAT ABOVE THE LEVEL OF THE DECEASED."

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FROM THE INITIAL FINDINGS THAT (A) ONE SHOT PASSED THROUGH THE PRESIDENT'S NECK AND THEN MOST PROBABLY PASSED THROUGH THE GOVERNOR'S BODY, (B) A SUBSEQUENT SHOT PENETRATED THE PRESIDENT'S HEAD, (C) NO OTHER SHOT STRUCK ANY PART OF THE AUTOMOBILE AND (D) THREE SHOTS WERE FIRED, IT FOLLOWS THAT ONE SHOT PROBABLY MISSED THE CAR AND ITS OCCUPANTS. THE EVIDENCE IS INCONCLUSIVE AS TO WHETHER IT WAS THE FIRST, SECOND OR THIRD SHOT WHICH MISSED.

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THE SHOTS WERE FIRED BY LEE HARVEY OSWALD. THE MANNLICHER-CARCANO 6.5 MILLIMETER ITALIAN RIFLE FROM WHICH THE SHOTS WERE FIRED WAS OWNED BY AND IN THE POSSESSION OF OSWALD. OSWALD, AT THE TIME OF THE ASSASSINATION, WAS PRESENT AT THE WINDOW FROM WHICH THE SHOTS WERE FIRED. A RIFLEMAN OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD'S CAPABILITIES COULD HAVE FIRED THE SHOTS FROM THE RIFLE USED IN THE ASSASSINATION WITHIN THE ELAPSED TIME OF THE SHOOTING.

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THE COMMISSION HAS FOUND NO EVIDENCE THAT ANYONE ASSISTED OSWALD IN PLANNING OR CARRYING OUT THE ASSASSINATION. NO EVIDENCE THAT OSWALD WAS INVOLVED WITH ANY PERSON OR GROUP IN A CONSPIRACY TO ASSASSINATE THE PRESIDENT. NO EVIDENCE TO SHOW THAT OSWALD WAS EMPLOYED, PERSUADED OR ENCOURAGED BY ANY FOREIGN GOVERNMENT TO ASSASSINATE PRESIDENT KENNEDY. THERE WAS NOTHING TO SUPPORT THE SPECULATION THAT OSWALD WAS AN AGENT, EMPLOYEE OR INFORMANT OF THE FBI, THE CIA OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY. NO DIRECT OR INDIRECT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN LEE HARVEY OSWALD AND JACK RUBY HAS BEEN DISCOVERED BY THE COMMISSION.

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IT IS APPARENT. . . THAT OSWALD WAS MOVED BY AN OVERRIDING HOSTILITY OF HIS ENVIRONMENT. HE DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ESTABLISH MEANINGFUL RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER PEOPLE. . . LONG BEFORE THE ASSASSINATION HE EXPRESSED HIS HATRED FOR AMERICAN SOCIETY AND ACTED IN PROTEST AGAINST IT. . . HE SOUGHT FOR HIMSELF A PLACE IN HISTORY. . .

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THE COMPLEXITIES OF THE PRESIDENCY HAVE INCREASED SO RAPIDLY IN RECENT YEARS THAT THE SECRET SERVICE HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO DEVELOP OR TO SECURE ADEQUATE RESOURCES OF PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES TO FULFILL ITS IMPORTANT ASSIGNMENT.

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. . . THE CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES OF THE SECRET SERVICE DESIGNED TO IDENTIFY AND PROTECT AGAINST PERSONS CONSIDERED THREATS TO THE PRESIDENT WERE NOT ADEQUATE PRIOR TO THE ASSASSINATION.

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A MORE CAREFULLY COORDINATED TREATMENT OF THE OSWALD CASE BY THE FBI MIGHT WELL HAVE RESULTED IN BRINGING OSWALD'S ACTIVITIES TO THE ATTENTION OF THE SECRET SERVICE.

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