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AMA STUDY SUPPORTS WARREN COMMISSION FINDINGS ON JFK KILLING
(EDS: ADDS BACKGROUND, QUOTES, REACTION FROM CONSPIRACY
SUPPORTER)

BY ARTHUR SPIEGELMAN

NEW YORK, MAY 19, REUTER - TWO DOCTORS WHO PERFORMED THE
AUTOPSY ON JOHN F. KENNEDY BROKE A 29-YEAR SILENCE ON TUESDAY TO
SAY THE U.S. PRESIDENT WAS KILLED BY TWO BULLETS FIRED FROM
ABOVE AND BEHIND BY A LONE GUNMAN USING A HIGH-POWERED RIFLE.

IN DETAILED COMMENTS RELEASED BY THE JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN
MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, PATHOLOGISTS JAMES HUNES AND J. THORNTON
BOSWELL SPOKE OUT IN HOPES OF ENDING A NATIONAL DEBATE, FUELLED
BY THE FILM

JFK, :: THAT MAINTAINS KENNEDY WAS KILLED IN A
CONSPIRACY.

THE DOCTORS ENDORSED THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE OFFICIAL WARREN
COMMISSION PROBE INTO THE ASSASSINATION. THEY SAID ALL EVIDENCE
SHOWED KENNEDY WAS HIT BY TWO BULLETS IN THE BACK OF THE HEAD
FIRED BY A LONE GUNMAN USING A RIFLE.

THE JOURNAL PRESENTED THEIR CONCLUSIONS AT A NEWS CONFERENCE
WHICH WAS NOT ATTENDED BY EITHER DOCTOR. THEIR FINDINGS WERE
IMMEDIATELY CHALLENGED BY A LEADING SUPPORTER OF THE THEORY THAT
KENNEDY WAS MURDERED IN A CONSPIRACY.

THE JOURNAL'S EDITOR, DR GEORGE LUNDBERG, LASHED OUT AT
CONSPIRACY PROPONENTS WHO HE SAID WERE TRYING TO WIN PUBLICITY
AND PROFIT FROM A PRESIDENT'S DEATH.

THE BEST EXPLANATIONS FOR THE MOTIVATION OF THE MYRIAD
CONSPIRACY THEORISTS ARE PARANOCIA, DESIRE FOR PERSONAL
RECOGNITION AND PUBLIC VISIBILITY AND PROFIT, :: HE TOLD THE NEWS
CONFERENCE.

THE WARREN COMMISSION FOUND THAT KENNEDY WAS KILLED BY
GUNMAN LEE HARVEY OSWALD WHO FIRED AT HIM FROM THE WINDOW OF A
BUILDING OVERLOOKING THE ROUTE OF HIS MOTORCADE THROUGH DALLAS
ON NOVEMBER 22, 1963.

LUNDBERG SAID THE AUTOPSY COULD NOT STATE WHO FIRED THE
RIFLE, WHETHER THERE WERE SHOTS THAT MISSED OR WHETHER OSWALD
WORKED WITH ORGANISED CRIME OR WITH THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
AGENCY, ALL CHARGES MADE BY CONSPIRACY THEORISTS.

ALMOST THREE DECADES LATER, MOST AMERICANS SAY THAT THEY DO
NOT BELIEVE THE WARREN COMMISSION OR THAT OSWALD ACTED ALONE.

THE TWO DOCTORS SAID THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE OF A THIRD BULLET
STRIKING THE PRESIDENT OR OF ONE BEING FIRED FROM A DIRECTION
OTHER THAN ABOVE AND BEHIND KENNEDY.

THEY ALSO DENIED THAT THEIR ORIGINAL WORK WAS TAMPERED WITH
BY HIGHER-UPS, THAT THEY WERE PRESSURED TO REACH THE CONCLUSIONS
THEY DID, OR THAT THE BODY OF THE LATE PRESIDENT HAD BEEN

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ALTERED AT THE AUTOPSY. ALL THOSE CHARGES WERE MADE BY PEOPLE CLAIMING THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS KILLED IN A CONSPIRACY.

THEY SAID THAT THEY EXAMINED THE BODY AFTER IT WAS TAKEN FROM A COFFIN AND THEY TOOK EXTENSIVE PHOTOGRAPHS OF IT. HUKES SAID HE DESTROYED HIS ORIGINAL NOTES BECAUSE THE PAGES WERE STAINED WITH BLOOD BUT HE MADE A COMPLETE COPY WHICH IS IN THE RECORD.

THE JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION IS PUBLISHING AN 11,000-WORD INTERVIEW WITH THE DOCTORS IN ITS LATEST ISSUE.

A LEADING SUPPORTER OF A CONSPIRACY THEORY, HARRISON EDWARD LIVINGSTONE, AUTHOR OF HIGH TREASON 2, IS ENGAGED IN A SPIRITED DEBATE WITH LUNDBERG OVER THE CONCLUSIONS.

LIVINGSTONE SAID, EVERYTHING IS THIS PRESENTATION IS COOKED. IT'S A LIE. JOHN KENNEDY WAS OVERTHROWN. HE WAS MURDERED IN A CONSPIRACY.:::

LUNDBERG SAID THAT HE AND AN ASSOCIATE INTERVIEWED HUKES AND BOSWELL, WHO PERFORMED THE FOUR-HOUR AUTOPSY ON THE PRESIDENT AFTER HIS BODY WAS FLOWN TO BETHESDA NAVAL HOSPITAL OUTSIDE WASHINGTON.

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