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Double-Check



WASHINGTON — Down in Dallas, a lone reporter and a friend of mine, Hugh Aynesworth, has fired a shot of warning across the bows of the Warren Commission.

He is telling the board, headed by Chief Justice Warren, to come clean with all its information on President Kennedy's assassination—or be exposed as a news manager. Anything that the Commission omits, Aynesworth will publish.

Nothing is more salutary in public affairs than for the press to know more than a Congress, a Court or a Commission wants it to know. The Warren group has been taking a multiplicity of testimony, but has been releasing only what it decides to release. Even if its motives are pure, the methods are suspect. The Chief Justice has a reputation for rendering decisions that fit his preconceptions.

Aynesworth writes me that he has been conducting a parallel investigation of testimony, affidavits and ballistic reports. There is circumstantial evidence which strongly suggests that the reporter has a news source inside or near the Commission. He is positioned to wield a whip hand over the most portentous investigation in American history.

AYNESWORTH recently startled the Commission with a story that was based on a hitherto unpublicized journal kept by Lee Harvey Oswald. Oswald's own words show him in the role of a loyal avenger to the Communists, a man who came back to his native country when he was pro-Russian, he took money from the Soviet secret police. When he was pro-American he was able to raise money for home and peace at the time of the war.

Because Aynesworth's article was copyrighted by his paper, the wire services could not use them cheaply. Some of his revelations have not reached other parts of the country, but he has sent them to me in full form. One of his dispatches cites a source "close to the Warren Commission" saying that the FBI knew Oswald to be a potential assassin. An FBI agent is quoted as telling the Dallas police on November 22nd:

"We knew he was capable of assassinating the President, but we didn't dream he would do it."

SINCE the FBI is almost sacrosanct in Washington officialdom and in the capital press, any criticism of its security methods is unusual, and yet of prime importance in reconstructing the tragedy and the mind of the alleged killer. In an exclusive interview with Mrs. Marina Oswald, the alleged killer's widow, Aynesworth tells of Oswald brandishing a pistol before his wife and saying:

"I am going to see Richard Nixon."

Aynesworth gives the story significance by noting the incident took place only a few days after Oswald had shot from ambush at General Walker whom Oswald termed "a Fascist" and compared with Hitler. The reporter highlights the threat to Nixon by noting that shortly before it was made, the Dallas Morning News printed bold headlines on a story:

NIXON CALLS FOR DECISION TO FORCE REDS OUT OF CUBA

Cuba's Castro was Oswald's Communist hero. As an avid newspaper reader, Oswald may have seen the headline. He may have seen a similar story on the same day in which Castro was blasted by Governor Connally, who was wounded by the same gun that slew President Kennedy.

The mind of the alleged killer comes into focus in these detailed stories. It looks like the same picture of a hate-driven, politically-radical Leftist which is emerging from the small amount of news put out by the Warren Commission. If the full report follows the expected line, Oswald will be shown as a homicidal maniac, a notoriety hound, Communist-oriented but not Communist-hired for the cruel deed it is believed he performed.

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