

Aldredge sheet

JFK assassination records appeals

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Scientific testing - other shootings; Dallas records

In a prior appeal I provided details of belated taking of a sample and the making of scientific tests of a reported impact of a bullet not otherwise accounted for in the official explanation of the assassination of President Kennedy. A Not Recorded serial of 10/23 66, Dallas to Director, attention Lab, forwards "material from sidewalk," identified as Item Q618. I believe that this relates to what was reported by an man named Aldredge, a matter I brought to light in my second book. The Dallas records I have read disclose that although Dallas told HQ not to return the specimen HQ did divest itself of it twice. I have not found the results of the testing, spectrographic analysis, in any records provided. The results of this testing are clearly within my request in C.A. 75-226, presently before the appeals court. The FBI made no reference to this at all at any point in this long litigation. You will recall, having your own means of recalling, that this matter was first litigated in 1970 and went to the Supreme Court. The spectrographic plate or plates were not shown to me at a pre-trial conference with the FBI. None of the spectrographic plates have been provided in response to my request for them. This one was not referred to by the FBI at the pre-trial conference. Of course if the testing disclosed that there was the impact of a bullet, particularly if that could not be related to the so-called Oswald rifle, the official solution to the crime would be in serious distress. And as the disclosed records leave without doubt, the Founding Director obtained this solution as soon as he heard of the crime, virtually.

For your information Aldredge was aware of the reported impact of this bullet, on the sidewalk near the building from which all the shots were fired in the official accounting of them, because it was on TV at the time of the crime. So when the Warren Report made no reference to this shot he asked the FBI how come. The FBI's response was to ask him to explain his belated reporting of it. His rejoinder is that he had assumed that the FBI had investigated the crime and was aware of what was public.

I cannot explain the delay of two more years in obtaining the sample and making the tests, except to correlate it with public attention to my and other criticisms.