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Subject: John Kennedy Assassination

Gentlemen:

While watching the Dan Rather Documentary on the assassination of John Kennedy, I saw something that might explain the almost simultaneous hits on Kennedy and Connolly when there was only one rifleman shooting. A close-up was shown on the screen of the bullet taken from Connolly's thigh, this bullet showed a definite depression in the base (normally this type of bullet has a flat base) and indicated considerable pressure had been applied to it by a rounded object. Another bullet?

My theory is this:

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Oswald first pulled the trigger when the President's car was coming down the street directly toward the book depository - the rifle misfired - (probably no powder in the shell casing). However, the firing of the primer in the shell casing created enough pressure to force the bullet out of the casing and into the lands of the rifle barrel. By the time Oswald had overcome his surprise that the rifle had not fired, the Presidential car had turned the corner. He then pumped in another cartridge and fired. Now, two bullets are coming out of the barrel at one time; the first bullet, bucking the air pressure, slows; the second bullet, traveling in the partial vacuum of the first, crowds the first bullet, upsetting its normal flight, it turns end over end and slows rapidly, slanting off course slightly. The first bullet travels straight on and strikes Kennedy in the back, the second bullet being considerably slowed by its tumbling action hits Connolly in the rib cage a split second later.

I understand there were three empty shell casings found at the scene of the shooting. If they are examined carefully one should have a deep depression, made by the firing pin, in the primer - the second should have a very shallow depression and show signs of excessive pressure - the third should show a normal depression.

If this theory is correct, only two shots were fired in the 5.6 second time interval when Kennedy was struck in the back and in the head.

I would appreciate a short note giving me your thoughts on this theory. I enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope for your convenience.

Yours very truly,
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