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The Assassination No. 5

Reopen The Warren Commission

The more one reads of the highly touted Warren Commission Report, the more one becomes convinced that the American people have had a great miscarriage of justice fed to them by some of the leaders of our land.

Last week we gave the deposition of Julia Ann Mercer which is on page 483 of Volume XIX of the Warren Commission testimony. Miss Mercer says she saw a man with what appeared to be a rifle case going towards a clump of trees alongside Elm Street. The witness today says he saw a puff of smoke come from those trees at the time of the shooting of President Kennedy.

Here is some of the testimony given by S. M. Holland, Signal Supervisor for Union Terminal Railroad, on April 8, 1964:

Mr. Holland: And about that time he went over like that (indicating), and put his hand up, and she was looking off, as well as I could tell.

Mr. Stern: Now, when you say, "he went like that," you leaned forward and raised your right hand?

Holland: Pulled forward and hand just stood like that momentarily.

Stern. With his right hand?

Holland: His right hand; and that was the first report that I heard.

Stern: What did it sound like?

Holland: Well it was pretty loud, and naturally, underneath this overpass here it would be a little louder, the concussion from underneath it, it was a pretty loud report, and the car traveled a few yards, and Governor Connally turned in this fashion, like that (indicating) with his hand out, and another report.

Stern: With his right hand out?

Holland: Turning to his right.

Stern: To his right?

Holland: And another report rang out and he slumped down in his seat and about that time Mrs. Kennedy was looking at these girls over here (indicating). The girls standing—now one of them was taking a picture, and the other one was just standing there, and she turned around facing the President and Governor Connally. In other words, she realized what was happening, I guess.

Now, I mean, that was apparently that—she turned

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back around, and by the time she could get turned around
he was in the car and he was driving away (Stern says
that).

Stern: How do you know that? Did you observe that?

Holland: I observed it. It knocked him completely
down on the floor. Over that jumped completely over that
ground—

Stern: Did you hear a third report?

Holland: I heard a third report. I heard three reports
shots and about the same time all this was happening, and
the car was driving away.

Stern: Did you see any indicating trees on the north
side of Elm Street?

Holland: These trees right along here (indicating).

Stern: Let's mark this exhibit C and draw a circle
around the trees you are referring to.

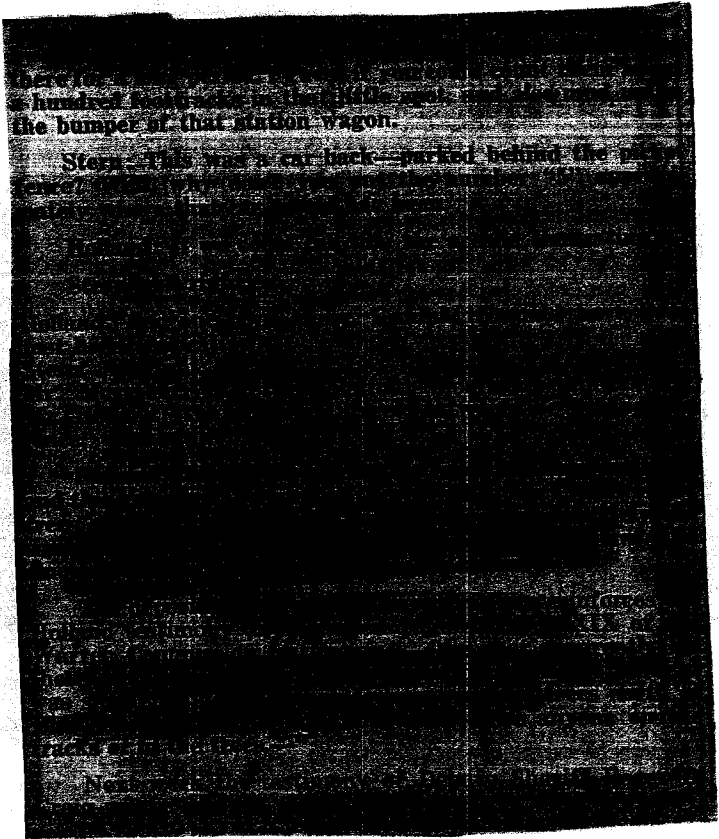
Holland: Right in there (indicating).

There are three trees on the north side of Elm Street
between the Triple Underpass and the intersection of
Elm Street and the street leading to the Triple Underpass.

Holland: Well that was the only place where I could
Stern: The Commission Report says that there were three
Holland: The Commission Report says that there were three
Stern: Is that a report that might have been the third
Holland: It could have been the third or fourth
Stern: You have no doubt about that?

Holland: I have no doubt about it. I have no doubt
about seeing that pull of smoke come out from under the
trees either.

The Commission Report on page 71 states: "None of
these people saw anyone with a rifle, and the Commission's
inquiry has yielded no evidence that shots were fired from
the bridge over the Triple Underpass or from the railway
yard."



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