

Editorial

Testimony Of The Congressman's Wife

Capitol Records' "The Controversy" dealing with the assassination of President John F. Kennedy was produced by Mr. Lawrence Schiller with the help of Mr. Richard Lewis. It is indeed interesting for its inaccuracies.

In particular, let us examine what Mrs. Earle Cabell (wife of a Congressman from Dallas) has to say on this record in regard to what she said she saw on November 22, 1963, as compared to what she said she saw UNDER OATH before the Warren Commission.

Mrs. Cabell's statement on the recording follows:

"Because I was facing the School Book Depository the moment that the shot rang out, I did not have to turn my head. I just raised my eyes, and I SAW THE GUN IN THE WINDOW. . . and I said, "Earle, it's a gun." (Emphasis added).

Now let us examine what Mrs. Cabell said in this regard when she appeared UNDER OATH before the Warren Commission on July 13, 1964.

HUBERT. What did you see?

Mrs. Cabell. I saw a projection out of one of those windows. Those windows on the sixth floor are in groups of twos.

HUBERT. In which window did you see the projection?

MRS. CABELL. I have always been a little confused about that, but I think it was the first window.

HUBERT. On what floor?

MRS. CABELL. On the top floor. Now I cannot take oath and say which window. There was some confusion in my mind.

HUBERT. But you say there were double windows. Is the confusion about whether it was the first or second double window, or the first or second window of the double windows?

MRS. CABELL. The first or second window of the first group of double windows.

HUBERT. What was the projection?

MRS. CABELL. I cannot tell you. It was rather long looking, the projection.

HUBERT. What did it seem like? An arm of an individual, or something mechanical?

MRS. CABELL. I did not know, because I did not see a hand or a head or a human form behind it. It was in just a fleeting second that I jerked my head up and I saw something in that window, and I turned around to say to Earle, "Earle, it is a shot", and before I got the words out, just as I got the words out, he said, "Oh, no; it must have been a—" the second two shots rang out. After that, there is a certain amount of confusion in my mind. I was acutely aware of the odor of gunpowder. I was aware that the motorcade stopped dead still. There was no question about that.

HUBERT. Let me ask you, after the first shot and your observation of this object in that window as you have described it, you turned your attention from that window?

MRS. CABELL. That is right.

HUBERT. So that you were not looking in the direction of that window when the second and third shots were fired?

MRS. CABELL. No.

HUBERT. Did you look in that direction thereafter?

MRS. CABELL. If I did, I don't recall. I am completely aware of the people running up that hill. I saw the man throw the child on the ground and throw himself. I saw a woman in a bright green dress throw herself on the ground. I saw the policeman running up the grassy slope.

HUBERT. You also mentioned that you were acutely aware of the smell of gunpowder?

MRS. CABELL. Yes.

MRS. CABELL. I cannot say for sure, because as I told you, the motorcade was stopped. And somewhere in there, Congressman Roberts said, "That is a .30-06." I didn't know what a .30-06 was.

The Congressman's wife must be a truly amazing lady. In most humans, memory tends to grow dim with the passage of time. However Mrs. Cabell's memory seems to have improved remarkably with the passage of the years.