

### **On Mrs. Markham**

*This is Lane's comment on Mrs. Helen Markham:*

**M**RS. HELEN MARKHAM is the only person the Report claims saw Oswald shoot anyone and was able to identify him. A number of critical witnesses absolutely contradict Mrs. Markham on testimony given by her to newspapers and other investigators. Those not called include the ambulance driver who picked Tippit up—Clayton Butler, and his assistant, Eddie Kinsley; the woman whose address appears on the record as having called the ambulance, Mrs. Frank Wright, and her husband; the manager of the apartment building across the street and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Higgins.

Mrs. Markham claims that she was alone 15 minutes with Tippit before the ambulance arrived and that Tippit tried to talk to her. The Report itself says that Tippit was killed instantly. All the above unquestioned witnesses mentioned that the ambulance arrived immediately, that Tippit was covered with a blanket and that between 10 and 25 people were at the scene when the ambulance arrived. Official records that the Commission never took the trouble to obtain show that the ambulance was at the scene three minutes after the slaying.

In addition, Mrs. Markham told interviewers in July that she fainted three times at the scene of the Tippit killing and that she has had a nervous breakdown since . . .

Mrs. Markham gave no description of Tippit's slayer at all in her sworn statement to the police signed later that day other than that he was a "young white man."

She stated thereafter that she gave no description of the gunman to the police at the scene other than in relation to his clothing.