

Why He Finally Talked

Here, in his own words, is why James Tague finally decided to tell his story to The ENQUIRER.

"Soon after the Warren Commission report was released in September 1964, I had good reason to feel glad I had stayed clear of the whole mess.

"Because many other witnesses were being subjected to crank calls and letters, and spiteful reprisals for having testified.

"Worse yet, the death toll of persons connected with the case rose steadily until it reached about two dozen.

"Reading about such things worried me.

"I wouldn't say that I deliberately hid out — but unconsciously that is just what I did.

"I kept an unlisted telephone. I always lived in apartment complexes, where people seldom know their neighbors, and where my name would not be on utility company records or real estate tax roles.

"And I kept moving about, never leaving a forwarding address.

"Then one day in January, 1968, I was startled to learn how thoroughly I had covered my tracks. A national magazine had set out to locate me for an interview, but ran into a stone wall. They couldn't find a trace of me.

"The magazine's ensuing article featured me as a mysterious 'third victim' — my whereabouts unknown to anyone since my appearance before the Warren Commission three and a half years before.

"The writer wondered aloud about my fate and, in view of the raging controversy over the Commission Report, why I 'chose silence.'

"Silence? That made me laugh.

"So I decided then to make an effort to tell my story, and to give my impressions of what happened that dreadful day in Dallas.

"I chose The ENQUIRER for this exclusive account for good reason: Because The ENQUIRER already had demonstrated a willingness to take an impartial stand concerning the assassination — and had not meekly accepted the official cut-and-dried version.

"I felt The ENQUIRER would truthfully present my full story to the American public."