

# WATCHMAN WAKETH BUT IN VAIN

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## THE WOUNDS CRY OUT CONSPIRACY

Of course the wounds inflicted on persons in Dealey Plaza did not inspire confidence in a lone-assassin killing. The President had been hit in the back at a point which caused Secret Service Agent Glen A. Bennett, who was stationed in the Presidential follow-up car, to say that he saw a shot "hit the President about four inches down from the right shoulder." (5) The President was further wounded in the anterior neck. Much of his head was shattered and great avulsive wounds had resulted when pieces of bone were driven out of his skull. Governor Connally suffered a wound in the back, right chest, right wrist and left femur. A third man, James T. Tague, a bystander, was wounded in Dealey Plaza. (W 116) Such carnage, added to damage to the Presidential limousine apparently resulting from the shooting, underscores the ominous and precipitous nature of the Pentagon's conclusion the very afternoon of the assassination that there was no conspiracy.

Let us for the moment consider the tiny neck wound in the front of the President and what should have been the natural action of an innocent government to that wound. The Commission made reference to the televised statement of Dr. Malcolm O. Perry with reference to the throat wound:

"Immediately after the assassination, many people reached erroneous conclusions about the source of the shots because of Dr. Perry's observations to the press. . . . Dr. Perry stated merely that it was 'possible' that the neck wound was a wound of entrance." (W 90,91)