

(V5-p99) HOOVER: . . . I have been unable to find any scintilla of evidence showing any foreign . . . or domestic conspiracy that culminated in the assassination of President Kennedy. . . . There have been publications and books written, the contents of which have been absurd and without a scintilla of foundation of fact.

. . . Reports in which there is a controversial issue or where statements have been made of the existence of some particular thing that we have never heard of before, I myself go over these to see that we haven't missed anything or haven't had any gap in the investigation so it can be tied down.

(V5-pl01) . . . I think when a book or article of that (Buchanan's) type comes out that deals with the assassination . . . it should be gone into from an investigative point of view . . .

DULLES: . . . I wish you would add to your list a book called, "The Red Roses of Dallas" by a man named Gun. He is a more reliable correspondent.

. . . He has been living in this country since 1946. I have met him over here. Let's see, he was in Dallas at the time. He was then reporting, I think, for the Italian newspaper Epoca.

. . . He might have been lying. This book is full of lies. But I think it is a book that ought to be added, too, and I will see that a copy is sent to the Bureau.

HOOVER: I would appreciate that.

7/23/64 - Testimony of Eddy Raymond (Buddy) Walthers, Deputy Sheriff plain clothes criminal investigator.

At the sound of the shots he said he ran from Main and Houston across to the north side of Elm Street and joined the other police behind the solid board stockade fence on the grassy knoll in searching through the parking area and railroad yards to the west of the TSBD building. Then he returned to Elm Street and . . .

(V7-p546) WALTHERS: . . . (I) went over on this grassy area right in here . . . Between Elm and Main, and started looking at the grass to see if some shots had been fired and some of them might have chugged into the turf here and it would give an indication if some had really been, if they were really shots and not just blanks or something, and a man . . . (Tague, told him that something had struck his cheek over on Main Street) . . . and I started to search in that immediate area (on Main Street) and found a place on the curb there in the Main Street lane there close to the underpass where a projectile had struck that curb. . .

(V7-p550) LIEBELER: There has also been a story, some sort of story that you were supposed to have found a spent bullet.

WALTHERS: Yes; that's what the story was in this book, and man, I've never made a statement about finding a spent bullet.

LIEBELER: You never found any spent bullet?

WALTHERS: No; . . . I never did in all of my life tell anybody I found a bullet other than where it hit.

(V6-p252) Testimony of J.W. FOSTER,
(4/9/64) Dallas police patrolman,
standing on overpass
behind R. G. SKELTON.

Mr. FOSTER. I moved to—down the roadway there, down to see if I could find where any of the shots hit.

Mr. BALL. Find anything?

Mr. FOSTER. Yes, sir. Found where one shot had hit the turf there at the location.

Mr. BALL. Hit the turf?

Mr. FOSTER. Yes, sir.

Mr. BALL. Did you see any marks on the street in any place?

Mr. FOSTER. No, a manhole cover. It was hit. They caught the manhole cover right at the corner and—

Mr. BALL. You saw a mark on a manhole cover did you?

Mr. FOSTER. Yes, sir.

Mr. BALL. I show you a picture here of a concrete slab, or manhole cover. Do you recognize that picture?

Mr. FOSTER. Yes, sir.

Mr. BALL. Does the picture show—tell me what it shows there.

Mr. FOSTER. This looks like the corner here where it penetrated the turf right here [indicating].

Mr. BALL. See any mark on the manhole cover?

Mr. FOSTER. No, sir; I don't. Not on the—well, it is on the turf, on the concrete, right in the corner.

Mr. BALL. Can you put an arrow showing the approximate place you saw that?

Mr. FOSTER. Should have been approximately along here [indicating].

Mr. BALL. Make it deep enough to make a mark. The arrow marks the position that you believe you saw a mark on the pavement?

Mr. FOSTER. Yes, sir.

Mr. BALL. It was not on the manhole cover?

Mr. FOSTER. No, sir.

Mr. BALL. Went into the turf?

Mr. FOSTER. Yes, sir.

Mr. BALL. Did you recover any bullet?

Mr. FOSTER. No, sir. It ricocheted on out.

Mr. BALL. Did you have the crime lab make a picture of that spot?

Mr. FOSTER. I called them to the location.

Mr. BALL. And told them to make a picture?

Mr. FOSTER. No, I didn't tell them. Called them to the spot and let them take it. Can I see the picture?

Mr. BALL. Yes, sir. Is this the picture?

Mr. FOSTER. That resembles the picture.

Mr. BALL. I offer this as "B," then. Mark it as "B" so that we have "A" and "B" now.

NOTE: Foster Exhibit "B" is not the picture Foster marked with the arrow. See Comm. Ex. 2111 (enclosed).