Specter v. Specter

A scholar in year 2000.

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How much of an authority on the subject Specter is, how much of any kind of investigator and how much of a scholar he is – is rather than he claims to be – emerges from his year 2000 book, which is largely self-puffery – with less than what was written on this subject thirty-five years ago in the very first book written when so much was suppressed.

It tell us a bit more about what Specter refers to as his "passion" when what was written in haste thirty-five years ago, when relatively little had been disclosed, despite all these limitations and the rush to finish that first book, it is more informative and more dependable than what Specter, who had access to all the unpublished official information and with thirty-five years to think about it, and with ever so much more official fact was available, he produced:

In diverse ways and with varying degrees of seriousness, this topic is mentioned throughout the Report. The major discussion of the subject, however, is limited to a mere 31 lines of type (R110). It is entitled "Number of Shots" and is one of the nine major sections of the third chapter, entitled "The Shots From the Texas School Book Depository." It consumes about one percent of the space in this chapter, hardly the attention its importance warrants.

In its conclusion about "The Shot That missed", the Report drops any pretense about other possibilities and specifically refers to the "third shot," admitting it does not know which one missed. At the same time, it abandoned the possibility that "The Missed Shot" could have been a fragment of one of the other shots which it accounts for and states t "three shots were fired" (R1ll). Answering the "speculation and rumor" that "four or five bullets have been found," the Report declares, "The Commission believes that three shots were fired" (R641)

This comparison tells us much about Specter in his various poses and about Specter, the man and the assassination scholar.

Much about how much credence can be placed in his word and words, too.

This, like the similar working of that McCloy "compromise" that deceived Russell and Cooper, simply was not true. In that "compromise" the Commission said it was not necessary to determine which shot hit Connally (R19) in the official gimmickry it called a "solution" all of Connally's wounds had to come from only the first bullet.