

Evidence that exonerates Oswald

Frazier testified that Oswald carried nothing w/ him the trip home from work on 11/21 (2H243) Troy Eugene West, custodian of the wrapping table testified that Oswald did not take any of the paper. (6H360-361). He notes that the sight could not have been attached to the rifle allowing Oswald to carry it cupped under his arm into the TSBD. . . . If the sight was removed it would have been have had to have been attached and test-fired. . . .otherwise not depended upon for any accuracy . . .The testimony was all against the WC's conclusions that Oswald slipped the rifle into the TSBD on 11/22. . . (p. 10 of Hal's ms.

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Notes from Ha's 44 pager, P. 2

Frazier testified that Oswald carried nothing with him in to the TSBD on 11/22 (2H243). Troy E. West testified that Oswald did get any paper from the TSBD paper supply. (6H360-361)

He notes that w/ the rifle not broken down there was no way Oswald could have carried it into the Book Depository with the weapon held under his arm pit and hand w/o some of the weapon displayed above his arm pit. . . .(p. 11).

Jack Dougherty's testimony. . . Testified on April 8, 1964, and he testified that when Oswald entered the TSBD he was carrying NOTHING in his hands and was carrying nothing in his hands (6H377). Despite all the testimony to the contrary that Oswald was the shooter. . . WC insisted that 100 % of the witnesses were wrong. . . (note: May want to check Hal's p. 15 where the matter of the shed was considered. . . .The Report never said that anyone looked for the package in the shed. . . until ten months later when Report was ready for the press. . . .NOTE: I may want to review p. 15 of Hal's critique. . . *****

p. 15 notes that none of the workers who were on the 6th floor reported seeing Oswald that day . . .

PP. 19-20- Bonnie Williams , warehouse man was assigned to laying the 6th floor. . . took his lunch and ate it on the south side of the 6th floor. . .It was Williams who left his chicken bones and empty Coke bottle when he finished lunch. . Williams went down to the 5th floor and joined Norman and Jarman at approximately 12:20 p.m.

Williams makes the official account a travesty. . . Best account left is that Oswald was able to assemble the rifle (after Williams left) with a dime (no screw driver found) with a dime. . . .

separated into two parts: the works, all the metal parts, the barrel and the sight attached to it, and the stock, or the wooden part.

Manchester simply invents when he says Oswald carried "the rifle and the telescopic sight". He cites no evidence or proof that Oswald carried either, certainly none that he carried them separately in that "bag".

In the official version, the disassembled rifle was still much too long to have been contained in the package described by those witnesses who saw it. In the Manchester version, this package would have been an additional five inches too long.

"... two sbrasive stories on the front page" of that morning's Dallas Morning News attract Manchester's attention. ~~z~~ He mentions their political content and that of a ~~z~~ third story on the inside. Like the Commission, he fails to note the two-column-wide front-page map that represented the motorcade as not going past the Book Depository Building, not going under that allegedly fateful window, not giving the alleged assassin that so-called "perfect shot". This does not mean the motorcade route was not planned to pass that building and under that window, but it does mean that Manchester, like the Commission before him, was conveniently myopic when faced with evidence contrary to the preconception of Oswald's singular guilt. Referring to that morning's map drew attention to the confused and inconsistent printed accounts of the route, from which no assassin could have planned the crime from that building. As many of the accounts said the motorcade would not go under the window as said it would.

Truly and whether or not Truly then saw Oswald enter the building and says what is not true, that "Oswald's movements in the next few minutes are a matter of conjecture, based solely on circumstantial evidence" (none of which he cites). Oswald was seen by one man in the entire world as he passed through the doorway that morning. He is Jack Dougherty, who testified April 8, 1964, and was questioned by Assistant Counsel Joseph Bell, who on March 11 had interrogated Frazier. Dougherty said Oswald "was alone". And when asked, repetitiously, "In other words, you would say positively he had nothing in his hands?" he replied, "I would say that - yes, sir" (6H377).

It is only because Oswald was seen entering the building and not carrying anything, precluding his then having carried the rifle or any other package into the building, that Manchester writes around the evidence as he does. The Commission was more honorable. It did not avoid the witnesses, all of whom testified 100 percent contrary to its conclusions, which come from a 100 percent absence of testimony. The Report simply concludes contrary to 100 percent of the testimony and with no evidence at all insists 100 percent of the witnesses were wrong. Manchester simply pretends evidence contrary to his romance does not exist.

Nor need there have been any mystery, save to those such as Manchester who avoid what is inconsistent with their preconceptions, or the Commission, which created great blanks where none should be. There is an attached shed at the rear of the building in which Oswald could have left a package. The Report cites no evidence it was ever searched for this package, especially that particular day. Not until the following August 31, more than ten months after the assassination, when the massive Report was almost ready to go to press,

want to utter in his own name.

What Manchester ignores - because he has to, his vaunted 1,000 interviews notwithstanding - is that at the moment all three-score employees were reporting to work and using both the stairs and the elevators, not one saw Oswald go up six flights of stairs, and not one saw him walk the full length of the building and its width, from northwest to southeast, yet this is the wide open, uncompartmented floor on which the extra crew was laying a floor. Not one of this crew and not any other employee saw Oswald with a package of any kind; not one of those working on that floor and moving boxes to where the rifle was allegedly hidden saw any kind of package, hidden or open.

What Manchester keeps secret is that, as of the beginning of work at about 8 a.m. and a few minutes later, Oswald was seen by fellow employees - on the first floor.

Half the floor was to be redone at a time. In preparation for the work, the rear, or northern area had been largely cleared of cartons while the southern side, which would face the passing motorcade, was a crowded jungle of cartons and wheeled box trucks.

It was not the north but the west side that was cleared, and this has its own significance, again contradictory to the Commission's and Manchester's theory substituted for fact (3H163-7;17H20). Several witnesses, including Arnold Lewis Rowland, whom Manchester abused as the Commission did, saw a man walking around and with a rifle in the southwest corner of that floor, just before the assassination.

"Oswald built his sniper's perch of boxes in the southwest

To be considered - Very Strongly

Their departure left the top stories unoccupied. In effect the upper part of the warehouse had now met the Secret Service's definition of the classic sniper's perch - it was a deserted building. ... Now Oswald was alone for a half hour for his final preparations.

Here Manchester quotes Givens's recollection of the time as 11:55.

But not quite deserted. There were numerous other employees throughout the various floors of the building (with remarkably little interest shown by the government and Manchester in the seventh floor), and on that particular sixth floor and only a very few feet away. Had Manchester read and remembered page 63 of the Report, he might have recalled what his tremendous investigation seems not to have revealed, that James Jerman, Jr., a wrepper in the shipping department, and Harold Norman, an order filler, "decided to watch the parade during the lunch hour from the fifth-floor windows." "Meanwhile," Bonnie Ray Williams, "a warehouseman temporarily assigned to" laying the new sixth floor, "had gone up to the sixth floor where he had been working and ate his lunch on the south side of that floor." Leaving behind the bag of chicken bones and the empty pop bottle that later became famous as part of the police case against Oswald as the calm assassin who munched chicken while he waited to murder the President, "Williams went down to the fifth floor, where he joined Norman and Jerman at approximately 12:20 p.m."

Aside from the fact that the building was well occupied, and on the crucial floors, immediately before and during the assassination, this strange Manchester omission has further point. What the Look serialization does not say is that the motorcade was due at this point at 12:25 and at the Trade Mart where the President was to have spoken at 12:30.

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*Williams never fired
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Assume that it was not a second later than 12:20 that Williams left the sixth floor. By the official estimate (Manchester does not deign to bother us with details of assembling a disassembled rifle), it took an experienced FBI man six minutes to reassemble the rifle. The Commission and Manchester both speculate Oswald had disassembled the rifle to bring it into the building. This speculation is one of the main bases of their conclusions, for if it did not happen they are both entirely wrong. There was no screw-driver found, so we presume that Oswald was careful and foresighted when it served Manchester's purposes and careless when it did not and that he, with a dime, could have reassembled the rifle in the five minutes between Williams's departure and the scheduled arrival of the motorcade. If we are to believe the witnesses the Commission produced and Manchester accepts, this was all done well before the shooting began. Because Manchester and the Commission require it, the rifle, somehow, unobserved, was reassembled, and in time.

What all of this means is that Oswald had to be so insane he could not remember to bring a screw-driver and so lucky he could expect nobody to be around when people usually were. And so telepathic he could depend on a late motorcade.

Of course, from wherever he was hiding, he had to get either to the sixth floor without being seen, or had he been hiding there, he had to move around and make his preparations in a very short span of time, with men underneath him whose hearing was so acute they could hear the click as the bolt of the rifle operated and the tinkle of the empty shells falling to the floor. This they testified to, and they further swore that neither before nor after

*Manchester
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Williams*

Evidence (Commission in Oswald)