

Early Evidence
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This creates a chain of possession scenario in which the 8mm original was slit in Dallas and three copies made. The original went to Life in Chicago and was rerouted to Washington DC for the first NPIC event. Following that it was taken to Rochester and used as the basis for a "tampered" version eliminating the most obvious evidence of a front shot/rear exit. The new version went back to NPIC for a second set of story boards and became the source for new 8 mm original and copies. Copies were substituted for the Dallas first generation copies.

(One issue with this scenario is that McMahon happens to have been a professional level "sight" rifle shot, from his childhood. He was very used to judging his shooting by where his shots were hitting and estimating trajectory. This is in the tape of the interview but Doug does not mention it; that experience is what led McMahon to estimate 6-8 shots from three sources. Therefore whatever might have been done to the film, the version shown Sunday night would still suggest conspiracy to an experienced shooter. However, apparently nobody was being shown the full film, rather frames were selected for storyboarding, and we have no idea if the frames selected for the first presentation match those in the second. We may be seeing something similar to the Rydberg wound illustration, the ability to construct a story by not fully presenting the primary evidence.- Hancock.)

(Another alternative is that there actually was a second film, taken from an area adjacent to Zapruder - Mantik)

(Hancock points out that this is one of the few areas where Doug does not provide a detailed time line for all the related activities including substitution of copies - that seems to be an open issue with this scenario?)

In reference it should be noted that the NIX film original was "lost" by the processing plant, that when the FBI returned his film some frames were damaged and missing and that both the Nix and Muchmore film originals are now missing.

Monday:

The limo windshield, with perforating hole in windshield, in Detroit was covertly substituted in Detroit. Original windshield used as template to build replacement which was regular safety glass, the glass from Dallas had a perforating hole from front to rear. Horne reviews statements from a variety of Parkland and early SS witnesses who observed a perforating hole in the windshield, the statement of the Ford Division employee who worked on building a replacement windshield. He had observed a perforating bullet hole which had entered on the front of the limo and exited to the rear. This windshield work was done within days of the assassination, in great secrecy. There was no time to do a replacement with bullet proof glass.

limo windshield
Shot from front

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However a statement was obtained from the manager of Hess and Eberhardt who eventually did build a true bullet proof windshield to replace the plain safety glass version done in Detroit. (Horne pp. 1443-1450)

Longer Term:

A large body of evidence was removed from Dallas by the FBI during the following week. Some 451 items photographed in Dallas were removed and only 251 were eventually returned. In some instances the descriptions of items changed (the minox camera/light meter is an example). Later a memo was written from DC to Dallas stating that **“The Bureau does not desire that the Commission ask any details about this and Dallas should either renumber the exhibits so that all exhibits are accounted for or else explain why some exhibits are missing. Dallas chose to renumber the exhibits; it also chose to re-type and re-number a page in agent Hosty’s note book in order to remove evidence of contact between Hosty and Oswald.** (Hancock)

On December 12, Hoover writes a memo to Johnson, stating that Rankin of the WC has asked for something from the FBI effectively stating they have no evidence of conspiracy. Hoover states he is not prepared to do that and appeals to Johnson for support. Johnson sidesteps the issue and the final FBI report will leave no opening for further discussion of conspiracy. (Hancock)

On December 16, 1963, the WC knew with absolute certainty that JFK had been shot from the front.

In an Executive Session on December 16, 1963, more than two months before any witness testimony was taken, **they discussed President Kennedy having been shot from the front.**

Ford stated, “But that person must have taken the shot over here some place.”

McCloy, in referring to the sixth-floor window, responded to Ford: **“Still I don’t see how he could have been hit in the front from here.” Hale Boggs then stated, “That’s the big question, yes.”**

Then McCloy stated, “I inquired about this and they said that nobody was permitted on the overpass.”

After McCloy wondered how President Kennedy “could have been hit in the front from here,” and after McCloy mentioned the “overpass” that was in front of President Kennedy, McCloy made a statement about the sixth-floor window, and it is clear that McCloy knew that President Kennedy was shot from the front.

McCloy stated, “I think we ought to take a look at the grounds and somebody ought to do it. And get the picture of this angle to see if it is humanly possible for him to have been