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consistent with Altgens, Hargis and Martin's testimony relating to the fatal headshot, and not from the rear and above.

The only reason the FBI interviewed Jackson 12 years after the assassination was because the bureau was having some serious credibility problems. The new FBI Director, Clarence Kelley, made this gesture because the bureau was caught up in a damage control operation in response to the public airing of the controversy surrounding the destruction of Oswald's note to agent Hosty. Kelley had reason to suspect that the Dallas Police Department might choose this time to go public about the 18 motorcycle officers, especially Jackson and his notes, who were ignored in the Kennedy assassination investigation. To avoid adding to the FBI's ongoing public relations woes, Kelley ordered that the Dallas office interview officer Jackson.³⁰ Whatever Jackson had to report was not going to reopen the Kennedy case. In addition to Jackson, in 1975 the Dallas field office interviewed James Chaney, the other motorcycle officer who rode with Jackson on the right side of the presidential limousine. Satisfied that the Bureau had done everything possible in "the interest of thoroughness" the General Intelligence Division recommended that there was no need to interview any of the remaining 18 motorcycle police escorts. Having on record the testimony of all four "bike-jockeys" who escorted the presidential limousine---Hargis, Martin, Chaney, and Jackson-- FBI Washington closed the books on this aspect of the investigation satisfied, "None of these interviews have cast any doubts on the conclusions of the Warren Commission."³¹

Not surprisingly, Liebeler also evinced no interest in speculating along with AP photographer Altgens about a possible shot from the front of the motorcade and after fifteen minutes he brought the questioning to a close and thanked Altgens for his help. Altgens' concluding remarks unintentionally put the entire investigation into its proper perspective. "Well, I wish I had been able," Altgens told Liebeler in unfeigned candidness, "to give this information to you the next day when it was fresh on

Compare to FBI Special efforts to question all the witnesses in the Baldern When Oswald was killed