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## Tentative Outline of the Work of the President's Commission

Author's note: This "Tentative Outline" was attached to a "Progress Report" dated January 11, 1964, from Commission Chairman Earl Warren to the other Commission members, and reveals the extent to which the Commission's conclusions were formulated prior to its investigation.

- I. Assassination of President Kennedy on November 22, 1963 in Dallas
  - A. Trip to Texas-Prior to Assassination'
    - 1. Initial plans for trip
      - a. relevent dates
      - b. itinerary
      - c. companions
      - d. motorcade to luncheon
      - e. other
    - 2. Events of morning of November 22
      - a. arrival at airport-time, etc.
      - b. motorcade-crowds, time, etc.

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- B. Assassination (based on all available statements of witnesses, films, photographs, etc.)
  - 1. Shots
    - a. number of shots fired
    - b. ilme elapsed during shots
    - c. direction of shots
    - d. location of car at time
  - 2. Postures and apparent injuries to President Kennedy and Governor Connally
    - a. President Kennedy
    - b. Governor Connally .
- C. Events Immediately Following the Shooting
  - 1. Treatment at hospital
  - 2. Activities of Dallas law enforcement
  - 3. Return of entourage to Washington
    - u. President Johnson's trip to airport
    - b. trip of Mrs. Kennedy with body of late President to airport
    - c. swearing-in
  - 4. Removal of President Kennedy's body to Bethesda Naval Hospital
  - 5. Removal of car to Washington—condition and repairs
- D. Nature and Extent of Wounds Received by President Kennedy (based on examinations in Dallas and Bethesda)
  - 1. Number of individual wounds received by President Kennedy
  - 2. Cause of death
  - 3. Time of death
  - 4. Evaluation of medical treatment received in Dallas
- II. Lee Harvey Oswald as the Assassin of President Kennedy
- A. Brief Identification of Oswald (Dallas resident, employee of Texas School Book Depository, etc.)

- a. time, manner and number of interrogation sessions
- b. persons present
- c. persons responsible
- d. results
- 2. Other investigation by Dallas police
  - a. line-ups and eyewitness identification
  - b. seizure of Oswald's papers
  - c. other
- 3. Denials and other statements by Oswald
- 4. Removal to County Jail on November 24, 1963
- 5. Killing of Oswald by Ruby
- G. Evidence Identifying Oswald as the Assassin of President Kennedy
  - 1. Room of Texas School Book Depository identified as source of shots
    - a. eyewitness reports
    - b. trajectory of shots
    - c. evidence on scene after assassination
    - d. other
  - 2. Oswald placed in Depository (and specific room?)
    - a. eyewitness reports
    - b. fingerprints on objects in room
    - c. facts reviewed above
  - 3. Assassination weapon identified as Oswald's
    - a. discovery of rifle and shells
    - b. obtaining and possession of gun by Oswald '
    - c. whereabouts of gun on November 21 and November 22
    - d. prints on rifle
    - e. photographs of Oswald and rifle
    - f. General Walker ballistic report.

- 4. Other physical evidence
  - a. clothing tests
  - b. paraffin tests
- 5. Prior similar acts
  - a. General Walker attack
  - b. General Eisenhower threat
- 6. Permissible inferences from Oswald's:
  - a. !!!ght from Depository
  - b. statements on hus
  - c. murder of Tippit
- H. Evidence Implicating Others in Assassination or Suggesting Accomplices
  - 1. Evidence of shots other than from Deposilory?
  - 2. Feasibility of shots within time span and with use of telescope
  - 3. Evidence re other persons involved in actual shooting from Depository
  - 4. Analysis of all movements of Oswald after assassination for attempt to meet associates
  - 5. Resutation of allegations
- III. Lee Harvey Oswald: Background and Possible Motive
- A. Birth and Pre-school Days
  - 1. Family structure (death of father; statements of persons who knew family; interviews of mother, brother, and members of family)
  - 2. Where family lived (statements as to childhood character of Oswald from neighbors who recall family and child)
  - 3. Standard of living of family (document factors which would have bearing upon developwould have bearing upon development)
- B. Education

- 1. Schools (reports from each school attended regarding demeanor, grades, development, attitude to fellow students, activities, problems, possible aptitude for languages, sex life, etc.)
- 2. Reports of fellow students, associates, friends, enemies at each school attended
- 3. Reports from various neighbors where Oswald lived while attending various schools
- Special report from juvenile authorities in New York City concerning Oswald.
  a. report of case worker on Oswald and family
  b. psychiatrist who examined him, treatment and results, opinion as to future development
- C. Military Service
  - 1. Facts regarding entry into service, assignments, stations, etc. until discharge
  - 2. Reports of personnel from each station regarding demeanor, character, competence, activities, sex life, financial status, attitude, etc.
  - 3. Report on all activities while in Japan
  - 4. Report and document study of Russian language
    - a. where and when
    - b. books used
    - c. instruction or self-taught
    - d. any indication of degree of accomplishment

## Appendix B

Memorandum to J. Lee Rankin from David W. Belin

Author's note: This memorandum by slaff lawyer Belin speaks for itself. A month later, on February 25, 1964, Belin wrote in another memorandum, "At no time have we assumed that Lee Harvey Oswald was the assassin of President Kennedy." See chapter 2.

MEMORANDUM

January 30, 1964

TO: J. Lee Rankin FROM: David W. Belin

SUBJECT: Oswald's knowledge that Connally would be in the Presidential car and his intended target.

According to the Secret Service Report, Document No. 3, page 11, the route of the motorcade was released on the evening of November 18 and appeared in Dallas newspapers on November 19 as shown in Exhibits 6D and 6E (Document No. 3 is the December 18 Secret Service Report).

In examining these exhibits, although the general route of the motorcade is shown, there is nothing that shows that Governor Connally would be riding in the Presidential car.

In determining the accuracy of Oswald, we have three major possibilities: Oswald was shooting at Connally and missed two of the three shots, the two misses striking Kennedy; Oswald was shooting at both Kennedy and Connally and all three shots struck their intended targets; Oswald was shooting only at Kennedy and the second bullet missed its intended target and hit Connally instead.