

in a lifetime know from reading what replaced the transcript. These are chapters III and IV.

What were these two chapters? Those regarded as the most important two. They are entitled, "The Shots from the Texas School Book Depository" (note the propaganda conclusion built into the title) and "The Assassin" (and here note the inherent conclusion the Commission and its partisans claim was not made, that Oswald was the lone assassin).

All those words, all that wrangling and reasoning, all that compromising over what may be one of the most significant documents in history exactly because it is so wrong, are embodied in this "transcript" that is a very, very bad and deliberately meaningless paraphrase, in 38 innocuous words, less than four lines of typing, only an inch of space on the page. This is what they say:

Discussion was had regarding Chapters III and IV of the proposed Report. The General Council was instructed to use care that the proposed conclusions concerning such chapters, as they were set forth in Chapter I, not contain any conflict.

In short, they say nothing.

Those without the most intimate knowledge cannot even see any significance in what does bear some slight, remote relationship, the caution that the first, third and fourth chapters not be inconsistent. The first chapter is titled, "Summary and Conclusions". It is that, but it is also more. It is the Commission's press release and is the most widely distributed "story" on the Report, written by the Commission staff and distributed by the wire services, a new concept of free and independent reporting. Why, in the Report completely drafted and then in page proof, should the Commissioners have had any misgivings about "any conflict"

*Is this set out in the Reuther version of 9/18?*