## CHAPTER 22 GIVING HONORABLE MEN THE LAST WORD

- P. 379FF HAL HAS OBIT ON RANKIN.... SHOWS HOW PRESS REPORTS JACKED UP RANKIN AS A LIBERAL ON SEGREGATION, ETC... WHEN IN FACT HE WAS AQ GRADUALIST... (379). HE WAS FOR A GO SLOW POLICY RE: SEGREGATION... (NOT A LIBERAL FULL OUT END TO THE PRACTICE AS LAID OUT IN THE WASH POST PIECE... GOES ON TO CITE REDLICH'S ENCOMIUMS RE: RANKIN...
- P. 380 Hal notes Redlich's relationship w/ Rankin . . . Re: Commission relationship . . Rankin's relate to the WC on 11/22, 1964 Ex. Session for which perpetual secrecy was expected. . . That the FBI wanted the Commission to "fold their tents" because the FBI had already solved the case when "they haven't even run out all the leads." Hal Post Mortem p. 485 (P. 380). Hal notes that the NYT was the most vigorous and militant in supporter of the official assassination myhtology. . . . (p> 380). Times plugged those books (bad books) supporting the official story and burying those books that raised series issues with the official account. . . (p.380).
- P. 382 HAL HAS REDLICH'S SOARING PRAISE FOR RANKIN IN DEATH NOTICE.... HAL REJOINS ON P. 382. RANKIN CLAIMED THERE WAS NO CONSPIRACY. HE ORGANIZED THE COMMISSION'S WORK BEFORE ANY HEARINGS AROUND THE LONE-ASSASSIN PRECONCEPTION... (SEE POST MORTEM'S FIRST CHPT. "CONCLUSION FIRST." P. 383 HAL REVEALS RICHARD KLUGER'S BOOK "THE HISTORY OF BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION AND BLACK AMERICA'S STRUGGLE FOR EQUALITY." HE NOTES THAT RANKIN WAS MENTIONED ONLY TWICE IN THE 850 PAGES OF THE STUDY... SEE RANDOM HOUSE'S PRAISE FOR THE BOOK ON P. 383 AND W/ RANDOM HOUSE'S BIO ON KLUGER...
- PP. 383-385 HAL QUOTES FROM KLUGER'S REFERENCE TO RANKIN . . . RANKIN WAS A HOOVER RUBBER STAMP . . . HE REPLACED WARREN'S CHOICE FOR CHIEF COUNSEL. . . . WARREN OLNEY . . . RANKIN WAS HOOVER'S RUBBER STAMP . . HE IS CONTRASTED WITH OLNEY (P. 388). . . NY TIMES OBIT NOTED THAT RANKIN "WAS THE UNANIMOUS CHOICE . . . TO SERVE AS THE COMMISSION'S CHIEF COUNSEL."

PP. 388ff Hal takes on Belin . . 9. May want to review . . . Some good material on the Official X-rays and autopsy pixs . . .

CHAPTER 23 "HONOR REDEFINED"

HAL STARTS W/ OBSERVATION THAT THE WC KEPT THE JFK DEATH CERTIFICATE HIDDEN... (p.395). KEY HERE: THE JFK DEATH CERTIFICATE LOCATES THE WOUND IN JFK'S BACK AT THE THIRD THORACIC

## CHAPTER 23 "HONOR REVISITED"

HAL CITES HIS NEVER AGAIN AFTERWARD THAT WHAT WAS SUPPRESSED DISPROVED THE OFFICIAL ASSASSINATION INFORMATION . . . . (397). SPECTER REPORTED THAT THESE NOTES EXISTED IN 2 PLACES—ANIDENTIFIED COMMISSION FILE AND AN IDENTIFIED COMMISSION EXHIBIT. . . HAL DESTROYS BY SAYING THEY WERE IN NEITHER. . . . SEE HIS POSTMORTEM. . . NO P. GIVEN . . . . HAL NOTES THE BUSINESS WITH THE TESTING OF OSWALD'S RIFLE BY THE ARMY PROVING THAT THE RIFLE WAS NOT USED IN THE ASSASSINATION . . . THE ARMY'S BEST MARKSMEN COULD NOT DUPLICATE OSWALD'S ALLEGED SHOOTING ON 11/22/'63. . . . . HAL HAS THIS IN NEVER AGAIN BEGINNING ON P. 301. SEE VOL. 3 OF THE 26 VOLUMES W/ EXPERT WITNESS RONALD SIMMONS (3H390).

WHICH IS IT: WARREN TOLD STAFF AT FIRST MEETING THAT "TRUTH IS OUR ONLY GOAL." SOME OF THE STAFF REMEMBER WARREN'S WORDS WERE "TRUTH IS OUR ONLY CLIENT." (401).

Despite the interview of Simmons the WC concluded that Oswald was the Gunman. . . Knowing all the time that the best marksmen in the country could not duplicate the alleged shooting attributed to Oswald . . . . (401) even though it contradicted their own evidence. . .

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and they had the obligation, if they were not familiar with the actual record, of seeing information from those who had that familiarity.

All the credible evidence when so much no longer existed only because they did not do their job?

All the credible evidence when they avoided what was not congenial to what they made up to cover it all up with their heavy coatings of whitewash?

There is no end to the illustrations readily available to the media of how knowingly false these representations were, the representations that were accepted and reported as true beyond question.

The very first official statements about the assassination stated that what these counsels certify was true was in fact impossible and the entire media of the country reported that. But for this press release of those counsels not a single, element of the media reported that or checked its own records to see what they might hold about it.

The first official assassination statement was made by the doctors who had attended the President at Parkland Hospital. They provided the first press conference of the Johnson administrations. What they said, what they were asked and what they responded were all recorded and transcribed, with transcripts provided to the media by the White House press office. Three times in that one press conference that was hold immediately after the President was pronounced dead Perry was asked about the wound in the front of the President's neck. All three times he identified it as a wound from the front. All three times he was confirmed by the chief of neurosurgery, Dr. Kemp Clark. And all the media reported that the President's wound in the neck was from the front, what the White House told it and what some of it heard Perry and Clark state.

The counsel in charge of that area of the work who is singled out for his alleged his special efforts to and interest in obtaining, "full disclosure of all files relevant," the words of their press release, is now Senator Arlen Specter. When he questioned Dr. Perry before the Commission and knew full well that Perry

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had stated the shot in the neck had been from the front -- or was a shot that Oswald, who was behind the President, could not have fired -- actually pretended that the Commission had not been able to learn the truth about this!

Literally!

As I brought to light in the very first book about the Commission and the assassination, in Whitewash on page 169, Specter told the Commission while questioning Perry,

... we have been trying diligently to get the tape records of the television interviews, and we were unsuccessful ..."

All Specter had to do, had he sought truth, was take testimony from those who had asked questions at that press conference or those who had heard what Perry said. There were also the copies of all the newspapers that carried the report on that press conference, conspicuously those which used the AP's story. In NEVER AGAIN!, I quoted the New York Times and the Washington Post stories.

But just about every paper carried that story, as the morgues of all would disclose. And Specter could not ask a single newspaper if it carried any such story? Could not ask the AP or other news agencies?

Specter refers, cagily as he is in his deliberate dishonesty without which this Report could not have been made up and issued, to "the tape records of the television interviews." All he had to do to get a tape was phone the White House press office and ask for a copy. It could and would have provided the transcript, too.

This is what the counsels refer to as their "total dedication to the determination of the truth," as in their press statement they quote their own Report.

This and so many hundred similar, publicly-alleged and unrefuted proofs like it are what they refer to as "Truth is our only goal."