

Rankin that, "he could not agree with the statement" that "the two shots caused all wounds." See Rankin Papers, 8/20/1964, box 1, folder 23, NARA.

20. WCR, 107, 109, and 584-586. See also Chapter 9.

21. WC 2H374-375 (Humes), 2H379 (Boswell), 2H382 (Finck). See also Chapter 9.

22. See Chapter 9 for Dolce's views.

23. WC 4H 112, 114 (Shaw), 4H 127-128 (Gregory). See also Chapter 10.

24. See Chapter 6 in Epstein's Inquest for a succinct but very useful treatment of the two worlds of the staff's investigation and the Commission's hearings.

25. Epstein, Inquest, 22 for some of the staff lawyers' sharply etched comments.

26. HSCA, Volume XI, 217-218.

27. Epstein, Inquest, 110; Russell's interview on Cox TV, Russell Papers, Athens, Georgia; Fite, Senator From Georgia, 498, 413-414.

28. A copy of this letter of resignation from Russell to President, 2/24/1964, can be found in the Russell Papers, Athens, Georgia; Epstein, Inquest, 105 for a breakdown of witnesses who appeared before the Commission as compared to the vast majority who were questioned one-on-one by the staff lawyers or submitted affidavits.

29. In 1968 Russell struck up a ^{relationship} correspondence with Harold Weisberg after Weisberg brought to the senator's attention Rankin's suppression of the record of the September 18 executive session. Quote is from Weisberg's Richard B. Russell File, Weisberg archives, Hood College, Frederick, Maryland.

30. Quoted in Fite, Senator From Georgia, 501.

31. HSCA, XI, 274 (Griffin). See Chapter 10 for more detail on the Tague bullet; WC 7H552-558 for Tague's deposition.

32. I selected the Tague bullet to illustrate how Russell was distanced and unaware of pertinent assassination evidence that could have made a significant difference in his coming to terms with the Warren Report. The curbstone shot was just one item in a list that could grow impressively long. For example, Russell was convinced that Oswald was something of a crack shot. Had he read or been aware of Ronald Simmons' Commission testimony that even some of the best marksmen in the country could not duplicate with the alleged assassination weapon the shooting the Commission attributed to Oswald, he might have been forced to reexamine his views. For Russell on Oswald as a skilled marksman see Johnson phone call to Russell, 9/18/1964, White House telephone transcripts, LBJ Library. For Simmons' Commission testimony see WC 3H449-450.

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*Oswald a
sharpshooter w/
a rifle*