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Twyman says he does not include them in the list of ten because "they could possibly be the cause of, or have resulted from, the above ten shots."

On the previous page he refers to "superficial evidence of other shots such as a bullet found 500 yards from the scene."

This is a corruption of information I rescued from official oblivion in one of many FOIA lawsuits on which Twyman draws without mention of them and, as with all of his ineptness in using the work of others as his own, Twyman has it wrong. More than one additional bullet was disclosed in that lawsuit, CA 78-0322, in federal district court for the District of Columbia and none of them was "500 yards from the scene," whatever Twyman means by "the scene."

A bullet was found by a man working on a state road crew close to Dealey Plaza. Another was found on the roof of a building on the other side of the freeways, both west of "the scene." One was even found in a planter in Dealey Plaza. And if Twyman had done his own work on this, had even read those records from which he reproduces one on page 110. he would have told his readers what then happened, as the same thing happened in all cases and as those files,, which I got, state.

The Dallas FBI sent those recovered bullets to the vaunted FBI lab in Washington, at FBI headquarters. In each case the lab returned those bullets to the Dallas office saying that it had done no work on them because they would not have fit in the Oswald rifle!

It would not even consider the possibility that any other rifle could have been used and it refused to do any analyses on the recovered bullets to take no chance of establishing any possibility of relevance.

All of which of which and more Twyman does not mention.

If he knew.

That record is, as Twyman does not say and eliminated from the upper right-hand corner in reproducing it, a Form 340 "Evidence Envelope" from "File No. 89-43-1A28."

If Twyman did know he would have told his readers that 89-43 is the Dallas number of its main JFK assassination file in which the record is in subfile 1A where it is serial 28.

The discovery of other bullets after the assassination came to light, as sourceless Twyman does not say and probably does not know, in my FOIA lawsuit for the withheld Dallas FBI records. There were more than the one Twyman may have heard about.

Twyman, who claims to have studied the Commission's published evidence and all the records he ticked off, appears not to have known that rather than two fragments having been found in the limousine, five were, but the possibility remained that they could have been deposited there when the limousine was at the hospital, without any guard on it, when it was supposedly washed to remove the blood.

That intact bullet from the hospital was presumed by the Commission to have come from Dary Connally's stretcher but the man who found it, hospital engineer Tomlinson, testified that if he said that he'd have trouble sleeping at night and he refused to so testify. (If Twyman had not been hooked on the assassination literary slop he praises as the best of the literature on the subject and had read simple, factual books, like Whitewash he could have reported straight on those fragments and given a source (Whitewash also gave the official sources so he could have cited them). This is also true of the Tomlinson testimony, which is in Whitewash on pages 161/161 and 171.

Meandering alone for all the world as though he has the slightest idea of what he was writing about, Twyman then has what he says is "my absolute minimum" number of shots, he says six and then he gives a brief comment on each as his reason. The sixth is what we have seen was not a bullet and he says was a bullet by eliminating that news picture from the sequence he used of something being picked up from the grass along Elm Street in the plaza. It was <u>not</u> a bullet, part his "absolute minimum" that Twyman says it was (*Bloody Treason*, pages 81-82).

In his puerile arguing against a formulation, not the Commission's, of hits so-called single-bullet theory, Twyman says that for the Commission to conclude as it did, "they had to ignore indisputable evidence of the low [sic], shallow [sic] back wound" (*Bloody Treason*, page 82).

Save for the fact that there was a wound on the back, Twyman succeeds, from the depths of his ignorance, which is his sole claim to expertise, in having not a word in this that is true or correct.

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The wound was not "low" on the back. It was toward the top, as the medical artist's version of that autopsy pictures prepared for the House assassins committee that Twyman uses, establishes.

Twyman has *Post Mortem* in his bibliography and he uses what is uniquely from it without sourcing it, so maybe he did at least thumb through the pages. It has a lengthy index-of both names and subjects so he could find what is in it easily, if he wanted to. In that book I published the official and suppressed certificate of death. It places that wound at the level of the third thoracic vertebra." That is toward the top, not "low" on the back.

If this is not enough to make clear what Twyman means by "indisputable evidence," he also said that this wound was "shallow." This also is sourceless because it is also false. So he made low out of high and shallow out of through and through, no bullet showing on the X- rays.

Now were it not for Twyman's firm conviction that one of his unique genius and talents needs no fact and treats whatever pops into his head as an "indisputable" fact, he'd have seen an explanation, again in *Post Mortem* and in detail, of what he does not have here, why that was at first believed to have been so shallow a wound the prosector could barely get his little finger inside of it (which he should not have done, anyway).

The President was sitting erect when he was shot, with his hand waving to his right. But when he was examined at the Bethesda Navy hospital, the prosectors had him on his stomach, with his arms straight above his head. That moved his shoulder blade upward and blocked any effort to probe that wound by closing it off.

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He does, here and later, use what I just published in Post Mortem.

He does say that I did obtained the transcript of the Commission executive session of January 27, 1964 (he refers to it merely as a "meeting") by a FOIA lawsuit. That is true. But he cites it to "Shaw & Harris, Cover-Up, page 63. It was reproduced entirely and in facsimile in Whitewash IV, (Whitewash IV, page 88). 17

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(That transcript was not of a single page. It was almost a hundred pages long. And rather than being just another "meeting" of the Commission, it was an executive session that was classified "TOP

SECRET." By reproducing them in facsimile each and every page bears that very visible stamp which Twyman does not mention.)

When what follows is not more just plain assassination trash is rehashed and sourceless. Twyman is so ignorant of it he can't even cite a source for most of it.

But -when he does get to a source he quotes and cites in his text, a Hoover phone conversation with Lyndon Johnson, Twyman knows so little about the available evidence that he does not cite it, limiting himself to a more recently disclosed transcript of their phone conversation. It was, in fact, the basis of the report Johnson ordered of the FBI the night of the assassination, what, if he really did go over all those Archives records Twyman's boasts of having "studied" he should have known because it is in the Commission's CD1 or "Commission Document 1" -- its very first records the five volumes of that FBI

We skip more of this manifestations of subject-matter ignorance and get to another of Twyman's ill-informed, really ignorant inventions, his "explanation" of why the Commission had to go with the single-bullet theory: ". . . the timing evidence in the FBI firing tests [which we saw were not the FBI's but were the Commission's and under the Army] and the Zapruder film forced the Warren Commission into its ridiculous magic-bullet hypothesis" (*Bloody Treason*, page 96).

Once again, not a word of this is true. As Twyman would have known if instead one of those volumes of trash on which he was hooked he had read what is in his bibliography two ways, my *Post Mortem*.

Tom Dillard, *Dallas Morning News* photographer who took one of the pictures that is part of the Commission basic evidence (which is all the reason Twyman needs for not mentioning his name (*Bloody Treason* index, page 893), had just read one of the periodic leaks intended to prepare the public mind to accept the coming official version of the assassination, know it was false. It accounted for the shooting without mention of the missed shot, the spray of concrete which caused a minor wound of Jim Tague's face.

Right after that Dillard was covering an event where he was to photograph the United States

Attorney in Dallas, Harold Barefoot Sanders, always called "Barefoot." Sanders was associated with the

Commission. When Dillard told him about that missed shot and about his having taken a picture of its  $S \neq r_0 \neq \emptyset$ impact that his paper published, Sanders had his assistants, Martha Joe Stoud, notify the Commission.

That, and not what from the profundity of his ignorance Twyman simply made up, is what made it impossible for the Commission to continue to ignore that missed shot, even though it always had ample evidence of it, including An FBI interview with Tague and more that it had gotten from the FBI. Having this proof of that missed shot and more than this, the Commission was continuing to ignore it. The Dillard report to Sanders ended that possibility.

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But for the Commission only.

The FBI and the Secret Service continued and to this day continue to pretend it did not happen.

Thus we see Twyman's justification for not mentioning Dillard or his pictures.

Even though from his page 104, which we do get to in comment on his honesty, Twyman had at least a glimmer of it.

As, if he had read anything other than assassination junk he would have known about because the responsible books do deal with Dillard's pictures. Those books not merchandising the junk that Twyman has doped himself up with also give the full names of those who, as we have seen most recently, he does not know, that Betzner's name is Hugh. Twyman, says he has "studied" the Commission twenty-six volumes the first fifteen are of its testimony and he appears not to know that at the end of Volume XV is an a name index to them all. Only a man who had been as deliberate as Twyman in keeping himself ignorant of the established fact-and uninformed about the established evidence could "study" those volumes and not know the names and not know where he could learn them if he forgot them.

Now on those pictures on page 104 mentioned above, both are of that curbstone struck by that missed shot. Only this evidentiary dimwit prints it on its side! The picture should be turned a hundred and eighty degrees to be the actual picture. The hand that is on the left should be on the right and the hole in the curbstone is at the top, on the curve as the vertical surface turned into the horizontal surface. The