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COMMENTS OF SENATOR COOPER ON CHAPTER 3Page 1

On what basis is it claimed that two shots caused all wounds?

It seemed to me that Governor Connally's statement negates such a conclusion?

I could not agree with this statement.

Also what proof "probably missed".

Page 2

Paragraph

The witnesses

First paragraph - first sentence.

1. Was there any witness in the "first few cars" or "motorcade" who did not have impression that shots came from Depository? *Yes*

2. Did anyone testify that the shots came from R.R. yards or overhead?

Page 12

Second paragraph

It is stated that Patrolmen Foster and Murphy were instructed to keep "unauthorized" people away. Was there any instruction as to definition of "unauthorized"?

Were the employees mentioned - "13" authorized?

Was any effort made to find out who they were? *all of them*

Page 13

First paragraph

1. Did Bowen testify that none entered the area?

2. What did he say about people in the area?

It seems to me that fact that he could see and his statement that "traffic had been cut off" does not answer these questions.

Page 13

Second paragraph

1. Second sentence

What "bridge"

2. Did the group stay directly in path of motorcade?
Did Foster make any effort to move them?
3. Where was location of "manhole" on Elm Street?

Page 16

Second paragraph

If the evidence supports - would it not be helpful to describe the type of windshields, its characteristics which would support the testimony of the F.B.I. expert that "pressure" on inside surface would cause radial cracks on outside?

Last sentence

Should not sentence refer to section in report - stating how and by whom fragments and bullet were identified as type "used by assassin"?

Page 18

Second paragraph, next to last sentence

Could sentence be clearer if it read "caliber by a micrometer and by comparing it with _____ ammunition.

What ammunition?

Page 19

Second paragraph, last sentence

What kind of cartridges were fired as test cartridges?

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Page 21First paragraph

Last sentence refers to "whole bullet" on Governor Connally sketches while preceding reference refers to "nearly whole bullet".

Page 22First paragraph

As section refers several times to conclusions of experts that bullets were fired from the rifle found to "exclusion of all other weapons, why use of "permit" the conclusion in first paragraph, last sentence?

Page 23

1. Was there not some conflicting evidence whether Governor Connally's wounds came from 1 bullet or 2 bullets?

2. Also doesn't this section conflict with page 1, which states all wounds were caused by 2 bullets?

Pages 31, 32, 33, 34

1. Were any tapes--that is recordings--made of Dr. Perry's statements at press conference which would provide his exact statements?

2. Any effort made to secure such recordings?

Page 46Trajectory

Here, or before, when Depository as site of shots was discussed, would it be valuable to give Governor Connally's opinion as to source of shots? He was quite definite that they came from rear right?

Again I question the conclusion that two shots caused the President's and Governor Connally's wounds.

Contradicts Governor Connally and also statement on page 23.

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Page 48

First paragraph

referring to President "where the bullet entered", should it
not say "back of the coat of stand-in?"