

History/PS 315

Worksheet for: The Commission and Its Case

Questions for Sept. 19 from Warren Report, Chpts 1,3, and 4

Chapter 1

With this chapter you should come away with the general “facts” about the JFK assassination as incorporated in the Warren Commission Report. Read carefully the Report’s Conclusion (pp. 18-25).

Chapter 3

- The WC’s key witness in placing Oswald at the 6th floor “sniper’s nest” is Howard Brennan. Be familiar with his testimony. Any questions about his testimony?
- The so-called non-fatal bullet that went through JFK and Connally was found where in the Parkland Memorial Hospital?
 1. According to FBI firearms expert Robert Frazier this nonfatal bullet (CE# 399) and the fragments found in the presidential limousine did or did not come exclusively from the alleged murder weapon?
- Most important is the Report’s construction of the shooting. How many shots were fired? Who was hit? Where were they hit? Know what the Commission asserts as far as the sequence of shooting is concerned: shot one, shot two, shot three. When was the missed shot? Where did the missed shot go? The Commission’s scenario of three shots were fired in what time span?

Chapter 4 This is really the heart of the Commission’s case against Oswald

- Where was Oswald’s palm print found on the rifle? What evidence does the Commission assert that it belonged to Oswald?
- Where did the police discover the alleged murder weapon?
- How did Oswald get the rifle in the building?
- According to the WC did Oswald show a propensity for violence? Explain.
- Was Oswald a “Daniel Boone” (crack shot) with the rifle? How accurate was the Mannlicher-Carcano that was allegedly used in the assassination according to the Warren Report?