

Excerpt from transcript of tape interview discussing the CBS News Inquiry on the Warren Report, Pacifica Radio, July 1967

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Meagher The CBS rifle tests achieved better simulation than the tests used by the Warren Commission because CBS used moving targets instead of stationary ones. But like the Commission, CBS also used expert riflemen. Oswald was a poor marksman, that is a matter of record; he was in no way comparable with the riflemen who took part in either series of tests. Even so, the results of the CBS tests are significant, because they show how dismally unsuccessful were the results achieved by riflemen of high skill, and they show how unreliable and decrepit the antique Carcano rifle is. In 17 out of 37 attempts to fire three shots in 7 seconds, the rifle jammed and the series had to be scratched. In the instances where three shots were fired, there were only 27 hits out of a possible 60, or an average of 1.3 hits per 3 tries. The results of the CBS tests therefore prove exactly the opposite of what CBS wanted to prove. They show that it was out of the question that a marksman like Oswald using a weapon as cheap and unreliable as the Carcano rifle could have been the assassin.