

Excerpt from Garrison speech at the American University, Washington
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Garrison....In Roger Craig's testimony, one of the few witnesses to the general scene that was questioned by the Warren Commission, if you read on through his testimony, you'll find it rather noncommittal and of no special interest. Nevertheless, we talked to Mr. Craig himself because we were curious about some things he might have seen, and we found that what Mr. Craig saw has no connection with what the Warren Commission has him saying in his testimony. So we asked Mr. Craig to count the number of changes in his testimony--the number of variances between what is printed in the Warren Commission testimony and what he actually said, and there were 23 different changes! If he said, for example, that he noticed an individual in the western end of the Book Depository building, it had been changed to eastern, and if he described an individual in a blue suit, it had been changed to tan suit. Twenty-three changes are made, and the final change is that the question was asked to him, would you like to receive a copy of this questioning before it's printed? and he actually said "yes" but they put in the printed copy "no." That's just another instance of the kind of technique the Government used, and it's rather typical of their approach to the inquiry as a whole.

NOTE: The transcript of Roger Craig's testimony appears in the Hearings, Volume VI pp. 240-273. At the end of the testimony, counsel David Belin asks a final question about the identity of a man Craig had seen running toward a station wagon, Craig replies that he still feels strongly that the running man was Oswald, and Belin then says "Okay. That's it. Thank you." In the case of Craig, counsel neglected to offer the witness the opportunity "to come back down and read your testimony and sign it, or you can just waive doing that and have the court reporter send it directly to us without your taking another trip down here." (6H 277 Rackley, 6H 284 Romack, 6H 289 Bowers, 6H 293 Martin, 6H 296 Hargis, etc.) It is not true, as Garrison claimed, that in the case of Roger Craig "the question was asked to him" or that "they put in the printed copy 'no'," as neither the question nor any answer appears in that transcript. Garrison's failure to consult the transcript before falsifying its contents is just another instance of the kind of technique Garrison uses, and it is rather typical of his approach to his "inquiry" as a whole.

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