

LETTERS to the Editor

A hearing for Oswald

From the Earl RUSSELL

Sir,—THE SUNDAY TIMES is to be congratulated for being the first major British or American newspaper to allow a fair hearing to the overwhelming case against the Warren Report and the official version of the assassination of President Kennedy. In providing Professor Trevor-Roper an opportunity to publish his wholly admirable article, THE SUNDAY TIMES has allowed the wider public to come into contact for the first time with the evidence we have been striving to make known, heretofore against overwhelming odds.

Not one of the basic conclusions of the Warren Commission Report can be sustained, and in all the important areas the actual testimony is at complete variance with the Commission's summary of it in its Report. Key witnesses to the direction of the shots and the murder of Tippit were not allowed to testify. Professor Trevor-Roper deals conclusively with the identification of Oswald by Brennan, the supposed basis for the circulation of Oswald's description in connection with the murder of Tippit. What is even more remarkable is that Oswald's description was circulated in connection with Tippit's murder over thirty minutes before Tippit was shot.

Considering that the rifle alleged to have been used by Oswald is incapable of the necessary performance, that the number of shots admitted by the Commission requires President Kennedy to have been struck at an angle which does not correspond to the holes in his jacket and shirt, the Report of the Commission not only fails to establish its conclusion, but succeeds unintentionally in establishing that more than one person was involved in murdering the President.

The measure of the achievement of Mr Lane (who is

investigating the case) is that, despite the weight of organised authority and the hostility of the Press, he has accomplished for Oswald in one year what Zola required twelve to provide for Dreyfus.

The independent investigators working for us in Dallas are turning up new evidence continually. I am hopeful that we shall not have to wait very much longer for the answer to the question: "Who killed Kennedy?"

Bertrand Russell, British "Who Killed Kennedy?" Committee

Unsubstantiated

Sir,—Professor Hugh Trevor-Roper is guilty of the very things he criticises in the Warren Commission Report. He, too, writes an article replete with unsubstantiated "facts." His article brings up the most ridiculous points to be questioned such as how Ruby entered the police station where he was known to be a frequent visitor.

He fails to document any of

his statements such as "there is no evidence that Oswald took the gun to the book depository or that he fired it." Oswald had powder burns on his cheek and his hair and fingerprints were found on the gun.

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Wrong car

Sir,—The photograph illustrating Professor Trevor-Roper's article is a farce. This picture was readily accepted by all in America and yet the car used for this photo bears no relationship at all to the kind of car the President was in on the fatal day. As an artillery man of the second world war I feel that the angle that the President was shot at was too important to use any car but the actual one he was shot in.

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No such comment

Sir,—Professor Trevor-Roper says "when Lord Russell argued his dissent, he was attacked by 'Time' magazine, and in England by 'The Guardian,' as a senile dotard whose beliefs could be dismissed unexamined." No such comment was made by "The Guardian" or by any of its contributors. A Hetherington, Editor, "The Guardian"

The Editor thanks the many readers who have written about this article. A further selection of letters will appear next Sunday.