

Craig's Escape Car Story Backed By Witness Who Commission Ignored

The Warren Commission had an eyewitness who corroborated the testimony of Dallas County Sheriff's Deputy Roger D. Craig - but chose to ignore it.

The statement of the witness, Marvin C. Robinson, who lived in the Oak Cliff section of Dallas, was not included in the 26 volume Warren Commission Report on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

THE DOCUMENT revealing Robinson's statement to FBI agents John F. Almon and J. Calvin Rice was found in the National Archives by Richard Popkin, philosophy professor at Washington University in St. Louis and author of "The Second Oswald."

"It was the most hidden document in the Warren Commission records," Popkin told **TATTLER**.

Craig said he saw a man run down the grassy incline from the Texas School Book

Depository and get into a light colored station wagon, which drove away. The sheriff's deputy testified to the Warren Commission that he later identified the running man as Lee Harvey Oswald.

THIS TESTIMONY, had it been accepted by the Warren Commission, would have been strong evidence that more than one person was involved in the assassination - thus, a conspiracy.

But Craig's testimony was discounted by Warren Commission members, who insisted Oswald left the assassination scene on foot, then went to his Oak Cliff apartment via city bus and taxicab, before minutes later shooting Officer J.D. Tippitt.

Now, through the suppressed Commission Document 70, Craig's statement is finally backed up.

On Nov. 23, 1963, one day after the assassination, Robinson told the FBI agents he was driving west on Elm shortly after the shots were fired into the Kennedy

motorcade in Dealey Plaza.

AS HE CROSSED the intersection of Elm and Houston he saw a white Nash station wagon stop in the traffic near the depository.

The witness said he saw a man come down the grass-covered incline and get into the station wagon.

The station wagon, according to Robinson, then drove away in the direction of the Oak Cliff section of Dallas - the area where Oswald lived and where Officer Tippitt was killed.

Unlike, Craig, Robinson told the agents he was unable to identify the man who entered the station wagon.

Craig, who never drifted from his initial account of what happened in Dealey Plaza that day, claimed later he was threatened and harrassed for years.

The former sheriff's deputy was found shot to death recently. The death was ruled a suicide.