

NOTES: Mark Lane, Theatre East, 20 July 1964

Henry Wade press conference 24 November 1963--no case against Oswald existed at that time, for Tippit or JFK murder. Constant flow of evidence against Oswald by FBI, Dallas Police, Wade, etc. BEFORE Oswald was himself shot to death. Unusual, not done when authorities expect to try a case in court.

ML claims Oswald was denied counsel by Dallas Police...refused to allow Dallas ACLU reps to see him.

AP dispatch 11/23/63 re Dick Goodwin, Marine, claiming Oswald crack shot and hot tempered...glad he had transferred to radar...three hours later AP sent out correction deleting whole Goodwin story (the latter not published).

LIFE cover photo and caption--photo faked. NO rifle exists with straight stock. The rifle was painted in by LIFE photographers or AP.

ML showed slide of affidavit by Seymour Weisman, policeman who found the rifle, testifying it was a 7.60 Mauser...found between boxes on stairway at 1:22 p.m. Capt. Fritz ejected live shot, obliterating fingerprints?

Reporters had asked why the alias Hiddell had been withheld when H.O. Lee WAS mentioned. Wade replied that he had "forgotten" to mention it.

ML showed replica of alleged murder rifle, which was clearly marked on the barrel "Made ~~in~~ Italy 6.5 caliber" Warren Com. said at 4 March hearing would show alleged rifle, as Lane requested, but that it was not then available and would show it if Lane ever returned. DID show the rifle when Lane returned at Warren Com request in June.

Paraffin test--On morning of Nov 22 Oswald and other employees engaged in laying down a floor--paint still wet--would account for nitrates on hands.

FBI agent Shanklin fabricated, "I have seen paraffin test" proves nitrates found on face. Deliberate falsehood. Shows photostat of original test, result negative.

Tippit was not on duty 22 Nov but told wife he would see if he could help protect JFK...Was found four miles away from motorcade...not clear what he was doing. Wade said he had even a better case vs Oswald for Tippit than for JFK.

Lane considers Mrs. Markham a prosecution witness...shows photostat her original affidavit, plays tape recording telephone conversation...Warren Reynolds, used car lot operator, ran after Oswald...later was shot in head...still alive but with severe disabilities...Garner arrested for attempted murder Reynolds...girl-friend alibied him (Feb. 23, Dallas, Considine in ~~World~~ Journal American). Girl friend--Betty Moody McDonald--former stripper for Jack Ruby, subsequently hanged herself in Dallas jail. Garner has since disappeared.

Lane investigators recently visited Mrs. Markham. She and husband said
**** they were "terrified" Dallas police cars appeared on scene. But one member
** of family said he was not afraid, gave full information which is very damaging
** to the Government case...Was arrested next day..."jumped or fell" from window
**** Dallas jail, severely injured and is on critical list.

Motorcade route, originally along Main St. to overpass. WOUNDS: repeat, an entrance wound. Final FBI version---one bullet found in grass, one in JFK chest, one in Connally, one exited JFK head, one found in car? in stretcher?, based on claim a bullet passed through JFK shoulder and into Connally's shoulder, after being suspended in mid-air for 2 seconds. Claim bullet in JFK head exited his throat, per FBI, contradicted by fact doctors did tracheotomy FOLLOWING THE PATH OF THE BULLET DOWNWARD INTO CHEST.

Extremely puzzling that FBI with 700 agents in Dallas never went near the doctors for a month, despite fact that questions remained about the direction of the bullets.

Dr. Perry told NEWSWEEK reporter, "Our official position now is that wound in throat is an exit wound. That's all I can tell you. There is much more about the case and about the medical evidence but I am not allowed to open my mouth." This interview never published.

Lane has 14 witnesses, including 5 employees Book Depository building, all of whom say shots came from overpass, not from building.

Why no road blocks sealing area after assassination, per Frank Sinatra Jr. kidnapping???

LBJ at press conference 18 July indicated Warren Com report would go first to ~~him~~ him, LBJ would then decide how much would be released to the public.

Craig, President American Bar Assn, appointed belatedly represent Oswald interests, never attended a Warren Com. sitting. When appointed, said "will neither represent nor defend that alleged assassin. Will attend as objective outsider to ensure procedures are fair."

Re "negro janitor saw Oswald fire shots" trial balloon Feb--an SS agent, Mike Howard, made up a wholly false story. Repudiated by everyone. No witness.

Dallas subversives list had only 23 names, Oswald being the FIRST ON THE LIST---yet he was not kept under observation!

~~at Dallas~~ on TV program 18 Oct 1964 "Under Discussion"
Lane & Agnew with of Dallas Morning News had exchange on
Mike Howard's allegations to another reporter that
rifle was found on roof TSB and another lie
or apparent lie told by Howard.