# Outline of Contents

Untitled book on the Oswald Case challenging the conclusions of the Warren Commission on the basis of its Report, Hearings, and Exhibits

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## I. The Circumstantial Evidence

## 1. The Bullet Wounds

This chapter will deal with the discrepancies in testimony, drawings, and models on the exact location of the bullet wound in the President's back. There are serious contradictions on the site of that wound, amounting to a difference of five inches in some cases. There is also a serious discrepancy between the location of the wound as specified in the autopsy and the corresponding holes in clothing. This chapter will also deal with the nature of the wound in the throat and the inconsistency between the autopsy findings and onsite experiments (reenactments) carried out after the findings presumably were known.

2. The Bullets and Bullet Fragments

This chapter will demonstrate that the nature of the bullet found on the Governor's stretcher is utterly inconsistent with the theory that two bullets caused all the wounds in the President and Governor.

### 3. The Shots

This chapter will raise questions about the number, rapidity, and direction of the shots fired and the trajectories, showing possible alternatives to the conclusions reached by the Warren Commission and the incompatibility of those conclusions with testimony and the evidence contained in the Zapruder films.

#### 4. The Rifle

This chapter will deal with unresolved questions on the purchase, tracing, and identity of the murder rifle and with the significance of the admitted presence in the Depository building of a 30-06 Mauser two days before the assassination. 5. The Ammunition and the Ammunition Clip

This chapter will expose the fact that the testimony on the presence of an ammunition clip in the rifle is irreconcilable with the testimony of the police officers who found and took custody of the rifle. It will also question the reticence of the Warren Commission in failing to establish a link between Oswald and the ammunition.

## 6. The Tippit Murder

It will be shown that the explanations of the Dallas Police on various facets of the Tippit murder (his assignment to Oak Cliff, the finding of the jacket, and the arrest of Oswald) are challenged or unsupported by the records (transcript of police radio log) and by testimony. The chapter will show that facts have been misrepresented both by the Dallas Police and the Warren Commission.

7. "Hidell"

There are strong reasons to suspect the authenticity of the story that a forged Selective Service card was found on Oswald's person when he was arrested, and that this card in the name of "Hidell" bore Oswald's photograph. The testimony of the Dallas Police on other items of evidence (the cartridges, the paper bag, the chicken bones) also raises suspicion.

8. The Photograph of Oswald with the Rifle

This chapter will demonstrate that serious questions remain about the photograph itself and the camera.

II. The Alleged Assassin and the Witnesses

This part will contain chapters on Oswald's personality and history, the credibility of witnesses, the enigma of motivation, and the test of Motive-Means-and-Opportunity which is classic in criminal investigation.

#### III. The Investigators

This part will deal with the performance of the Dallas Police (denial of right to counsel, improper lineups, failure to maintain transcripts, and grave improprieties which contributed directly or indirectly to the murder of Oswald); the performance of the FBI (misreporting, concealment, and coersion) and the Secret Service (violation by circumvention of the rights of the accused and other failures to meet high standards of conduct); and the performance of the Warren Commission itself (the use of the "off-the-record" technique, dry runs with witnesses before formal testimony, discrimination against or in favour of particular witnesses, defects in examination of witnesses, failure to pursue feasible avenues for investigation to their ultimate end, and deliberate misrepresentation of facts of vital importance).

## IV. The "End" of the Affair

This part will show that the murder of Oswald by Ruby became inevitable when the accused assassin failed to confess. Questions will be raised about responsibility for that murder and the circumstances under which it occurred.

## V. What Really Happened in Dallas

The last part will reject the conclusions of the Warren Commission as wholly untenable in terms of the Commission's own report and the twenty-six supporting volumes. It will call for a new and scrupulous examination of the evidence and a frank finding, if warranted, that we do not know the identity of the real assassin or assassins and the acknowledgment that the evidence, as it now stands, fails to demonstrate Oswald's guilt and does not exclude the possibility of his innocence.

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