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This is Mary Farrell from Dallas, Texas and I believe this is August the 9th, 1975 and I am visiting with Fred Newcomb.

When Robert Groden first showed the good clear copy of the Zapruder film on ABC - Good Night American show - it was way in the night when it actually came on television and the next day there was a lunch gathering at the Stetson Club in the Statler Hotel in Dallas, Texas, and four acquaintances of mine took Captain Will Fritz to lunch - and this was not unusual, about once a week these same people took him to the Stetson Club for lunch. I understand that that day there were also two legislators from Austin who were at the luncheon, making a total of, I believe, seven or eight people at the table.

And the conversation turned to the showing of the Zapruder film during the night before, and one of the men asked if the others had seen the film and several of the others said yes they had stayed up to watch it and it was very revealing and very shocking and one of the men said he never had believed that Oswald acted alone.

And I was told that one of the legislators from Austin said - made the remark "well, I never did think they really questioned the man who was responsible, or in some way responsible. I think they let him get away without really questioning him."

And another one spoke and - oh, prior to this one of them asked - said "Cap," speaking to Captain Fritz - "Cap, did you see the Zapruder film last night?" and Captain Fritz said "No, I saw it years ago when the thing first happened. I saw it. I wasn't interested in seeing it again, and in fact somebody sent me a copy of that film several years ago and I didn't even look at it. I held it up to the light to determine that it actually was the same film and then I just put it away with my other things."

They said that Captain Fritz went on eating and one of the legislators came around to Lyndon Johnson - talking of him - and said "Well, I always thought they should have questioned him more. I thought they should have - they let the man get away who was really - knew something about it." and another one of the men said "Who was that?" and he said, "Lyndon Bains Johnson."

And I was told by several people at that meeting that -- four to be exact -- and almost verbatim, the same story, that Captain Fritz stopped with a fork of food halfway to his mouth and looked over, first to his left shoulder and then his right shoulder as though to be sure that no one was within ear shot.

And Captain Fritz said, "Well all I've got to say is I was given a direct order to stop the investigation three times, between the time of Oswald's apprehension, and Saturday night. But when the President of the United States called me personally and ordered me to stop the investigation, what else could I do?"

And four people told me that and they undoubtedly all repeated it to a very dear friend of mine in Dallas, and he called me that night and said "Have you heard?" and he told me the next day that Captain Fritz would meet with me and talk to me. He (Fritz) said "it was about time!" and my friend, who is a man named Frank Harold (sp?) - a very prominent Texan - he was going to get his friend Buster Kern, who had been sheriff of Harris County for many many years and one of Captain Fritz's dear friends and we were all going to meet and Captain Fritz was going to answer my questions. And Captain Fritz is in the hospital (now) apparently dying.