

5/14/64 - Testimony of J. Edgar Hoover

(V5-p99) HOOVER: . . . I have been unable to find any scintilla of evidence showing any foreign . . . or domestic conspiracy that culminated in the assassination of President Kennedy. . . . There have been publications and books written, the contents of which have been absurd and without a scintilla of foundation of fact. . . . Reports in which there is a controversial issue or where statements have been made of the existence of some particular thing that we have never heard of before, I myself go over these to see that we haven't missed anything or haven't had any gap in the investigation so it can be tied down.

(V5-pl01) . . . I think when a book or article of that (Buchanan's) type comes out that deals with the assassination . . . it should be gone into from an investigative point of view . . .

DULLES: . . . I wish you would add to your list a book called, "The Red Roses of Dallas" by a man named Gun. He is a more reliable correspondent. . . . He has been living in this country since 1946. I have met him over here. Let's see, he was in Dallas at the time. He was then reporting, I think, for the Italian newspaper Epoca. . . . He might have been lying. This book is full of lies. But I think it is a book that ought to be added, too, and I will see that a copy is sent to the Bureau.

HOOVER: I would appreciate that.

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7/23/64 - Testimony of Eddy Raymond (Buddy) Walthers, Deputy Sheriff plain clothes criminal investigator.

At the sound of the shots he said he ran from Main and Houston across to the north side of Elm Street and joined the other police behind the solid board stockade fence on the grassy knoll in searching through the parking area and railroad yards to the west of the TSBG building. Then he returned to Elm Street and . . .

(V7-p546) WALTHERS: . . . (I) went over on this grassy area right in here . . . Between Elm and Main, and started looking at the grass to see if some shots had been fired and some of them might have chugged into the turf here and it would give an indication if some had really been, if they were really shots and not just blanks or something, and a man . . . (Tague, told him that something had struck his cheek over on Main Street) . . . and I started to search in that immediate area (on Main Street) and found a place on the curb there in the Main Street lane there close to the underpass where a projectile had struck that curb. . . .

(V7-p550) LIEBELER: There has also been a story, some sort of story that you were supposed to have found a spent bullet.

WALTHERS: Yes; that's what the story was in this book, and man, I've never made a statement about finding a spent bullet.

LIEBELER: You never found any spent bullet?

WALTHERS: No; . . . I never did in all of my life tell anybody I found a bullet other than where it hit.