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Dear Mr. Schwarz:

I fail to understand why The New York Times feels that it must endlessly reinforce the discredited findings of the Warren Commission, and I am mystified that it chooses to do so not by presenting both sides of the controversy, but rather by printing articles which present only one side and flagrantly misrepresent the evidence. The article in today's Travel and Resorts section, "The Site of the Most Shocking Single Event Of Our Time" by Gary Cartwright is a case in point.

The Times once editorially reassured its readers that they would in the future refer to Lee Harvey Oswald as the alleged assassin, rather than the assassin, since he had never been found guilty by a jury of his peers. The Times forgot that pledge rather quickly, and they have violated it consistently.

Mr. Cartwright states "since there is no access from Main to the (Stemmons) freeway, the motorcade had to turn right on Houston in front of the plaza, then left a block later on Elm below the Depository." This is totally false. Both Main and Elm Streets lead into Stemmons, and indeed the publicized motorcade route had the motorcade continuing down Main Street onto the Stemmons Freeway.

Mr. Cartwright implies that there is no difficulty with the "single-bullet" theory of the Warren Commission in which Kennedy and Connally were struck by the first shot with Connally experiencing a delayed reaction. If this theory is false there had to be two assassins. But many eminent forensic pathologists have stated that a delayed reaction to this type of a wound (the bullet shattered a rib and sent secondary missiles of bone into the Governor's lung) is impossible, that the reaction would be immediate in compliance with the physical laws of action and reaction.

According to the author of your article the credibility of reports that at least one shot was fired from the railroad yard "has faded with time and accumulated evidence." This reveals only that Mr. Cartwright is abysmally ignorant of the evidence. It has been amply demonstrated that at least the final shot which exploded President Kennedy's head,

hurling him violently to the rear and to the left (this can be clearly observed in a film taken of the tragedy by amateur photographer Abraham Zapruder), was fired from a direction in front of and to the right of the motorcade, a direction consistent with the infamous "grassy knoll" from which so many eyewitnesses felt the shots had come. If there is persuasive evidence to refute this contention Mr. Cartwright should cite it rather than blandly state that it exists.

Cartwright gives the impression that the Book Depository manager, Roy Truly and Dallas policeman, Marion Baker confronted Oswald as he was coming down from the sixth floor of the Depository. When they encountered Oswald he was standing at a soda machine calmly drinking a Coke, although he would have had to have raced down the stairs to have gotten to that spot even at about the same time as Truly and Baker did. Nor, as Cartwright suggests, is there any evidence that Oswald became a suspect because he left the Depository. Oswald's description was on the police wires within 10 minutes of the assassination, long before there was any reason to suspect him. Nor was he the only employe to leave the building before it was sealed off.

The evidence that Oswald murdered patrolman Tippit is far more contradictory and far less conclusive than Mr. Cartwright implies. The Warren Commission performed extensive gymnastics in getting Oswald to the scene of the shooting in time to kill Tippit. It seems unlikely that an Olympic sprinter could have equalled Oswald's feat. Eyewitnesses gave severely contradictory testimony of the killer's description.

If the Times is unwilling to present both sides of this controversy they should print neither. To do otherwise is to do your readers a disservice.

I am not writing this letter merely for exercise. I hope that you will see fit to print it or another like it.

Sincerely,

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