

Putnam - Doesn't the assassin fit a certain pattern? Isn't he normally a lonely guy, a malcontent, many times with sexual problems, looking for a moment for some kind of perverted recognition? And don't all these people, including the one we're discussing pretty much fit that category or pattern?

→ Lowenstein - We don't know any longer what we thought we knew. That is to say, clearly Sirhan was shooting, he's not an innocent bystander. And therefore to judge Sirhan as if the question were his motive seems to me incomplete. I think that the reason people kill each other in situations like this, whatever we know about their personalities, we've been conditioned to believe that it's always the kind of psychological derangement you're describing. But suppose it isn't that, that's what haunts me now. Suppose it isn't that. Suppose they find people who are psychologically disoriented, whoever they are. And I don't know who they are, and I -- what I'm saying is that your description of the assassin could be accurate or inaccurate without dealing with the basic questions that I believe now have to be faced. When I see the commission to investigate the CIA appointed the way it was appointed, headed by who it's headed by, with a staff council the man who decided in Dallas that in fact there was only one man involved in that murder, I'm troubled. Because I should think the CA would want to be investigated and cleared if it isn't doing things it shouldn't be doing...

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