

DL 100-10461

D. ~~Man Allegedly Seen in Window~~ of Texas
School Book Depository With Rifle,
According to ~~MELVIN R. KURR~~, Oak Park,
Illinois

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Date April 6, 1964

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On December 31, 1963, Mr. MELVIN R. KURR, 338 Woodbine, Oak Park, Illinois, advised Complaint Clerk RANDALL L. SWAN of the following:

While watching a television rerun of the assassination of President KENNEDY on NBC, KURR and his wife believed they saw a man in the window of the building in the background of the picture. This man appeared to be firing a rifle and in the opinion of KURR, fired, worked the bolt of the rifle and fired again. After the second shot, the man threw the rifle to the side and stood up. Mr. KURR advised that both he and his wife believed this man had been wearing a suit and tie and was not dressed in the manner that OSWALD was dressed. KURR furnished Thermo-fax copies of the following communications, his letter to Mr. REX GOAD, NBC News Director and the answer received by him from Mr. GOAD:

"December 8, 1963

"Mr. Rex Goad
N.B.C. News Director
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, N.Y.

"Dear Sir:

"I am writing in regard to the newsreel taken at the time of President Kennedy's assassination. To clarify - the film that was kept running as your reporter jumped out of his car, part of the motorcade, and ran towards the President's car.

"Shows on this newsreel is a view of a building, presumably the Texas School Book Depository, from which the shots were fired.

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On 12/31/63 at Chicago, Illinois File # CG 62-6115
by Complaint Clerk RANDALL L. SWAN/sms Date dictated 12/31/63

On the upper right-hand corner of this film I believe I saw a man fire a weapon, reload and fire again, then throw the weapon to the side and at the same time stand up, look out of the window and then leave.

"If this was the case I would very much like to know

- (1) Why was this picture not blown up and printed in the newspapers?
- (2) Why out of the millions of viewers, who saw the same film, no-one questioned who this man was?
- (3) Could it be my imagination and if so why then did I see him work the bolt of the weapon when at this time it was unknown by the public that a bolt-operated weapon was used.

"As to it being my imagination, I should add that my wife also remembers seeing a man at the window of said building; but assumed if she saw it then it did not go unnoticed by all other viewers.

"I wonder if you would be so kind as to answer my questions. I should also like to know when N.B.C. plans to show this newsreel again on television.

"Thank you.

"Yours truly,

"Melvin R. Kurr
838 Woodbine Avenue
Oak Park, Illinois 60302"

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"December 19, 1963

"Mr. Melvin R. Kurr
838 Woodbine Avenue
Oak Park, Illinois

"Dear Mr. Kurr:

"This refers to your letter of December 8 dealing with film made by a NBC cameraman at the time of President Kennedy's assassination.

"We have not been able to spot the things you believed you had identified.

"I am certain, in any case, that you realize that various investigators will leave no avenue untravelled in seeking the fullest possible facts in this matter.

"I feel sure that in some future time this film will be seen again on the air, in connection with some program or other. But this may be pretty far in the future.

"Sincerely,

"Rex R. Goad
Director
NBC News

"RRG:RR"

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