

Monday, 12 Jan.

Dear Sylvia,

I think you've really got something. I got your letter today and this stimulated me to look back at Curry's book, and lo and behold it's possible to establish that the fragment shown is not one of the bullets from Tippett's body on the basis of the FBI reports Curry prints!

See page 96: Here an FBI report gives the weights for three bullets "from Officer Tippit" as C251 - 154.1 grains; C252 - 154.8 grains; C253 - 155.7 grains. In other words, three of the bullets are virtually complete varying in weight only by a maximum of 1.6 grains. What about the fourth? At the bottom of the page we find the statement: "The lead alloy of the C251, C253 and C13 (the first bullet submitted by the Dallas Police Department in the Tippit case) Winchester-Western

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the car are simply of radically different shape, as can be seen by consulting photos of these fragments in the 26 volumes. What fragment could it be? Surely not the official fragments from Connally's wrist which are almost microscopic. A fragment from Kennedy's head? Impossible. Again these were only found that night during the autopsy and they are of different shape.

Gregory was the doctor who worked on Connally's wrist and I asked him in a detailed way about the size of the fragments. He described them as very small and consistent with the size of the fragments displayed by the WC as coming from the wrist. But remember the reports? I think coming from a Connally aide, that "the bullet" had been found in his thigh. And remember too that we're missing whatever bullet or fragment did cause the thigh wound. If we dismiss 399 as that bullet for obvious reasons, then what caused the thigh wound. It couldn't be either of the infinitesimal specks found by X-ray embedded in the bone of the thigh. Where is it?

Suggest some double-checking should be done on bullet photos. Do any of the JFK or Tippit bullets or fragments resemble no. 3 on page 88? I'm sure they don't but this ought to be double-checked. And then someone ought to approach Curry on this; but who, and when, and how?

Sure do think there is something here now.
Nice going.

Best love,

Trish

copper-coated bullets was spectrographically examined." In other words Q13 is apparently the fourth bullet in the Tippit case. Now, in an earlier FBI Report dated 23 Nov. and printed on page 92 we find the statement: "The bullet, Q13, from Officer Tippett (sic), is a .38 Special copper-coated lead bullet. Q13 weighs 156.6 grains and possesses the physical characteristics of 158 grain Winchester-Western revolver bullets." Now Q13 must be a typo for "Q13" and vice versa. Thus all four bullets from Tippit were virtually complete slugs weighing only a few grains under their unfired weight of 158 grains. Since fragment no. 3 on page 88 is less than half the mass of bullet no. 4 on the same page, it cannot possibly be any of the slugs from Tippit's body. Nor can it be one of the fragments removed from the car. Not only because the photo was taken on Friday night at just the time when these fragments were being found 1500 miles away in Washington, but because the fragments taken from

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