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In this letter I will attempt to give you, briefly, what actually happened in Dallas.

There was a conspiracy, of which both Kennedy and the Secret Service were well aware, which encompassed killing Kennedy at the overpass and causing a race riot by erroneously blaming the Negro employees of the Texas Book Depository for the murder.

Curiously enough, an anti-Kennedy ad was placed in a Dallas paper and an "Impeach Warren" billboard was evident in the city which Mr. Ruby photographed for evidence.

*The plot was to blame bigotry and racial hatred, start a race riot, and knock out the extreme right by indirection, or false induction. This is evident by "racial bigotry" statements immediately after the assassination by Hale Boggs (who had not at that time been named as a member of the Warren Commission) Chief Justice Warren, Gov. Brown, The U.S. Information Service and many news media.

In addition to the Negro identified as the one who ate the chicken (which later was reported to be two days old) there was a Negro identified as having run away from the bridge (see Kellerman Testimony).

When this plot against Kennedy was discovered, it was decided to put a man in the building (Oswald) and have him discharge a fire cracker as the president's car full of secretly disguised agents and Secret Service men came around the corner. A man named J.D. Tippit was representing Kennedy in the car and as the fire-cracker went off he exclaimed "My God, I've been hit".

If all had gone well the car would have gone to Parkland Hospital and some of the conspirators arrested near the bridge. Lee Oswald was to be arrested on the spot and charged with conspiring to shoot the President. This would have pulled the rug out from under the "Extreme Right Bigotry" bit and left the hatred group out on a limb.

However, some counter agent found out about the protective espionage and a gunman with a silencer was placed directly across the street from Oswald. This man killed Tippit and the agent in the seat in front of him.

These two men were hit almost identically since only their heads and shoulders were exposed to view. Tippit posing as Kennedy had his hair piece loosened when bullets hit his head. The car stopped momentarily, as it had been initially ordered to do, and then under emergency conditions, raced for the hospital.

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Both men were taken into the hospital with coats over their heads, and the agent impersonating Mrs. Kennedy had a thick coating of blood over the entire front of her clothing.

At the hospital a decision had to be made, since two dead bodies had arrived instead of one simulated one.

"Kennedys" death was not announced until one o'clock. This was done to allow time to set up a fake killing of Officer Tippit in the Oak Cliff Section near Ruby's house, to establish the existence of another body, and explain the absence of Officer Tippit.

Arrangements were made to have Tippit's body go to Methodist Hospital instead of Parkland Hospital. Whaley, the cab driver, drove from Methodist Hospital to the Greyhound Bus Depot when Lee Oswald #2 was waiting (more of this later).

The fake killing of Tippit was set for 1:06 P.M., and was duly announced over the police radio.

Tippit was announced D.O.A. at Methodist Hospital eight minutes later and Tippit's body was secretly moved from Parkland to Methodist where it was received normally as if he had been brought in from Oak Cliff.

Tippit had four bullets in the head and shoulders (a strange way to be shot from close range by a man on the street). His wounds were then announced but no autopsy was conducted.

Meanwhile at Parkland the other agents body was placed in a casket, and immediately taken to Airforce 1 for flight to Bethesda. This was done even though, by Texas law, an autopsy should have been performed.

Agent Kellerman testified that the body he viewed at Bethesda had a gun shot wound in the right shoulder (Volume 2, Page 81, Warren Report), and the physician performing the autopsy, Dr. Humes burned his notes, for obvious reasons.

Let's get back to the Book Depository and trace Mr. Oswald's movements and analyze his part in the Tippit affair.

First let's be specific and call the man who was to be arrested in the protective plan as Oswald #1, and the man who threw the fire-cracker as Oswald #2. Oswald #1 was placed under arrest momentarily until the tragic mishap to Tippit was discovered. He later was allowed to go to the 2nd floor, drink a coke and subsequently got in Mrs. Paine's station wagon outside of the building and drove away with a stranger (see Deputy Craig's testimony) about 1:00 P.M.

Meanwhile, Oswald #2 walked East about 7 blocks, got on a bus; went a short distance, got off near the Depository Building and then walked South to the Greyhound Bus Depot. There he rendezvoused with the cab driver coming from Methodist Hospital.

He immediately left with the cab driver and drove one block past his rooming house, established his presence there by going in and coming out with the light tan jacket on. He was last seen standing near the bus stop.

The police meanwhile had dropped a jacket (light grey this time) belonging to Oswald #1 to establish Oswald's supposed line of flight from the Tippit scene.

The conflicting witnesses to the Tippit affair are typical of a "murder" which never took place.

The discarded cartridges were identified as those from an automatic pistol by reliable witnesses in Warren Report testimony even though they had to be distorted to revolver cartridges later.

These automatic pistol cartridges had to ballistically match the bullets subsequently removed from Tippit's body and placed into evidence. This was done by simply picking up the cartridges discharged by the killer at Houston and Elm Streets and placing them in the landscaping near 10th and Patton where they were conveniently found by confused "witnesses".

Mr. Oswald #1 had by this time found himself with the cooperation of the Dallas police safely in jail, where he was formally charged with the Tippit "murder"; all this to his surprise since his role had changed.

There was a prearranged plan to photographically eliminate him on nation wide television, and as the telephone operator overheard "If anything goes wrong, proceed as planned!" This was done and he was photographically eliminated at 1:07 exactly 48 hours after the death of Tippit.

Oswald repeatedly said that he was only charged with the murder of Tippit which was true since this was his assigned role after the mishap to Tippit.

Oswald "the lone Marxist Assassin" was picked for the job to be at the opposite end of the political spectrum from the "Far Right" so that the props could be knocked out of the bigotry bit.

What has happened since is history and it surely did repeat itself. The Warren Commission painted itself into a corner along with Mr. Boggs, Mr. Warren and Company, and wrote an indictment against the "Mainstream" group and the Mafia which actually did the killing.

Clumsy attempts to "frame" the Negro race have continued since the Coup d'Etat of November 22, 1963, such as the recent Los Angeles race riots.

THE STRANGE DEATH OF OFFICER TIPPIT

At 12:30 P. M. on Nov. 22, 1963 at the corner of Houston and Elm Streets, two men met their death.

The name of one of these men was Officer J. D. Tippit. I do not know the name of the other man; however, history will show that both of these men died trying to protect their country. Whether they succeeded and whether our country was protected is another story.

This story will piece together the fabric of intrigue and attempt to pull away the veil of secrecy that has shrouded the events of Dallas for approximately two years.

I do know that a group of Secret Service Agents had formulated a daring plan to prevent a coup d'etat in Dallas that warm and sunny afternoon. The vast amount of detail involved with respect to the coordination of their work with the President of the United States is also another story, and will not be introduced here.

At 12:30 P. M. the presidential automobile rounded the corner and turned west down a gradual slope toward a railroad underpass.

Contrary to all recognized knowledge throughout the world today, the President of the United States was not in the car. Taking his place was a remarkable man. His name was J. D. Tippit. What J. D. stands for is not known. I suspect his first name was Jack, but perhaps this is one of those mystical musings that are associated with these affairs.

At the exact instant of the inception of this daring protective plan at 12:30 P. M. a flurry of shots were heard which sounded like backfires of motorcycles. These shots were fired from two silenced automatic weapons and the overkill accomplished the assignment of death, and two trained agents lay dead in the presidential limousine.

As reported a thousand times in a thousand different ways the car raced to Parkland Hospital, a bare five minutes away. What most people in the world today do not know is that these men were taken into Parkland Hospital through pools of blood, and with coats thrown over their faces even though the injuries to both men would have caused them to smother to death if they had been alive.

However, they were dead. At this instant the apparatus of the United States Secret Service went into action. The terrible fact was to be confronted. The danger to the United States lay in this terrible secret. Nothing else mattered. This secret could not be divulged at any cost.

Full cooperation with the Dallas police was mandatory, and it was more than fulfilled. The police organization that was to suffer ridicule from all over the world suffered it in silence.

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The police radio put out a call to Tippit to move into the Oak Cliff section to be in readiness for some emergency, and plans were made to transfer Tippit's body from Parkland Hospital to Methodist Hospital.

The enormous job of accounting for two bodies had to be faced.

The story of the Tippit killing in the Oak Cliff Section had to be hurriedly coordinated with the release of "Kennedy's" death to the anxious world.

The police radio had to be used; there was no other way.

Reports went out that Tippit was first D. O. A. at Parkland, and then another D. O. A. report at Methodist Hospital.

The details of the ambulance pickup at Tenth and Patton Streets were never clearly delineated.

Problems were staggering. Automatic pistol cartridges were used to establish ballistically the link between Tippit's wounds and cartridges found near Tenth and Patton. Unfortunately a witness knew the difference between automatic pistol cartridges and revolver cartridges.

Police broadcasts referred to Officer Tippit even though no other officer was named in the broadcasts. It was necessary to establish the illusion that Tippit was alive and in the area. Tippit never responded to the police call from headquarters.

Since Tippit had been selected to take President Kennedy's place in the car his pictures had to be at a minimum or surely someone would recognize the striking similarity in the appearance of the two men.

Care had to be taken to eliminate details such as the exact nature of Tippit's wounds. Contact had to be carefully made with Mrs. Tippit. Release was obscurely made that Mr. Tippit was shot in the head and shoulder four times but no exact details were given or some inquisitive person would wonder why he was not shot in the stomach, which is the customary type of short range shot for murder in the street.

Numerous questions would surely be raised, such as why Tippit was riding alone and why he did not call in on the police radio for help; however, time would take care of this, as it eventually did and the body politic went blissfully back to sleep.

There was the question of witnesses, but here again time did its job and confusion reigned.

Probably the most valuable asset was the fact that both Secret Service men had just their head and shoulders visible, and they were hit almost identically. A certain amount of confusion would be useful.

The timing of the Tippit affair was extremely important, and some officials were very disturbed operating under this terrific strain.

THE STRANGE DEATH OF OFFICER TIPPIT

It was no wonder that a fight broke out at Parkland Hospital.

The brave agent taking Mrs. Kennedy's place had arrived with a coating of blood over her dress which to one witness was described as having been applied similiar to the application by a paint brush.

This same agent had made a desperate attempt to secure a piece of Tippit's hair piece which was torn loose by the impact of the bullets.

Explanations had to be readied as to the lack of this blood on Mrs. Kennedy's dress on the flight back to Washington.

Pictures in a national magazine clearly show Tippit's hair piece coming off. Subsequent issues had to be changed at great cost to eliminate this telltale picture.

Explanations had to be forthcoming to medically convince a doubting profession that fragments of "Kennedy's" head were projected both forward and backward; however, after the hue and cry died down and the electorate went back to sleep there would be no more questions raised.

The police radio reported that Mrs. Connelly was to be flown in to Dallas from Austin, Texas. This report was buried under a vast amount of trivia and this was not considered a problem.

Early press reports had stated that a Secret Service Agent had been killed, and six or seven people had to be treated for gunshot wounds. These reports were only available to a few people and could be easily suppressed.

One agent described the wounds he viewed at Bethesda Hospital as being different than those reported by doctors at Parkland Hospital. This testimony was buried real deep and never reported to the press.

As time went on the lack of any animosity on Mrs. Tippit's part and the tremendous amount of sympathy and monetary contributions were not noticed by a stupified world and the startling evidence of only Mrs. J. D. Tippit crying during those "Four Dark Days" went unnoticed.

Thus we see that the Strange Death of Officer Tippit went down in history to a predicted oblivion of 75 to 100 years and perhaps never.

This is certainly in the grand tradition of the Secret Service but not in the interest of Truth.

And Truth has prevailed.

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MR. PENNEINGTON

The name of our program tonight is "John F. Kennedy's Assassination" -- "The Quest for the Truth". We are in the offices of Mr. George C. Thomson, an Engineer in Glendale, California. The offices are located at 1528 Canada Boulevard, Suite 208, Glendale, California. Mr. Thomson has published a book entitled "THE QUEST FOR TRUTH", a quizzical look at the Warren Report, or "HOW PRESIDENT KENNEDY REALLY WAS ASSASSINATED". Mr. Thomson, what made you write this book?

MR. THOMSON

The reason I wrote this book was because on the day of President Kennedy's death I had tickets to a football game in Stanford Stadium, Palo Alto. But when I got up there, we couldn't go to the game because the game was cancelled so we stayed at our friends' house and watched the pageantry on television, and it struck me that the events depicted on that day just couldn't possibly have occurred in reality. So from that day on, I accumulated all the data that I could possibly in the way of information that might help me solve the murder mystery.

MR. PENNINGTON

You have just heard from Mr. George C. Thomson. I am Mr. Pennington.. My wife, Kay, is next to me and across the table is Mrs. Thomson. Mrs. Pennington and I work for remote radio station as recording engineers. However, tonight we will be acting as participants in a panel, and therefore will not necessarily have an onjective view-point but will sometimes ^{will} join in. I would like to ask you, first...why did you take a particular interest in the assassination, more so than the average United States citizen?

MR. THOMSON

I don't think that I purposely took a direct, or more direct interest in it than the average United States citizen. I find that at the time of the Kennedy assassination, everyone was extremely interested in this matter. It was just that I was so convinced that that facts were not completely divulged

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MR. THOMSON (continued)

that I thought that eventually a solution could be reached by amassing and properly assembling all the matter and material that I could get together.

MR. PENNINGTON

-) I think you will have to admit that not many people wrote a book about it, however.

MR. THOMSON

The writing of the book was not projected at the time of the Kennedy assassination. The fact that I wrote a book resulted from my first, having determined how the President was killed, and then upon being rebuffed or rejected, why I attempted to give this information to the proper authorities including two members of the Warren Commission, that I felt that the only way to properly project this information was to write a book about it.

MR. PENNINGTON

From our talk yesterday, it seems that the most conclusive evidence that you have is a conflict of where the shots came from than what the Warren Commission produced. Would you like to explain how you arrived at your exact spot of the origination of the shots?

MR. THOMSON

Yes. This was determined by the application of physics, mathematics and logic to the material that was available, on October 2, 1964 at which time the Warren Commission reports were published in certain magazines. Upon acquiring the information that a bullet had struck the inside of the bullet-proof windshield, I came to the conclusion that this bullet had to come in through the side because the front and the rear of the automobile was protected by this bullet-proof glass. I was able to study the configuration of this fracture on the glass, and by the energy dissipated into the glass and the radiation of the.....

MR. PENNINGTON

Can you stop right there?

MR. THOMSON

Yes.

MR. PENNINGTON

Was there some conflict as to whether there was a shot and bullet hole

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in the glass, that is, the windshield of the car. Can you give us any reason or evidence supporting that there was actually a shot that struck the window?

MR. THOMSON

Yes.

MRS. THOMSON

It is in the Warren Report.

MR. THOMSON

Before the Warren Commission conclusions were available as of this date, October 2, there was much conjecture as to whether the bullet had struck the outside, had completely penetrated the windshield, or had struck from the inside. But the speculation was set at rest by the Warren Commission where they definitely stated that the bullet had hit the inside surface of the windshield and had left lead residue on the inside of the windshield.

MRS. THOMSON

Wasn't that the key to the whole thing?

MR. THOMSON

The bullet was the key to the unraveling of the whole mystery.

MR. PENNINGTON

Alright, now continue with the explanation. I am sorry I interrupted you but a lot of people aren't aware that there was even a shot in the windshield.

MR. THOMSON.

Yes. This windshield shot is shown in Warren Commission documents in various places, and the FBI had made a spectographic analysis of this bullet and it was published that it was lead residue left on the glass. Now this bullet was important because it gave me a rough angle of fire which was, in general, in a northwest direction because this is the only way the bullet could have come into the car and etched the glass in this manner.

MR. PENNINGTON

What direction was the Book Depository building?

MR. THOMSON

Well, you have to have a reference point so I will take as the reference point the point where the true assassin was actually standing. With this used as a reference point, the trajectory of the windshield bullet would be in a roughly northwest direction. This would place the Book Depository in a

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northeasterly direction from that point.

MR. PENNINGTON

Now you have diagramed the remainder of the shots. You say there were 7 or 8 shots. Can you take it from the first shot all the way through the seventh or possibly eighth shot?

MR. THOMSON

Yes. The first shot is best stated by reading page 20 of my book. So with your permission, I will give this to you. "Briefly stated, these results were as follows. The assassin stood approximately five feet behind the curb on the grass, just west of the Depository window, near the monument location at the southwest corner of Houston and Elm Streets. The first shot hit President Kennedy in the throat with the bullet coming out of his back, just as the car was making the turn on Houston to Elm Street, at a position almost immediately below the sixth floor Depository window. The car was in the second traffic lane from the curb with reference to the southwest corner and was proceeding at approximately 15 MPH. This disposes of the first shot. Now the second shot is described as follows: "As the car progressed further down Elm Street, Governor John Connally of Texas was shot in the back with the bullet striking his hand and thigh, as he was turned to the right in an effort to determine if the President had been hit. This bullet was recovered on a stretcher at Parkland Hospital, since unlike the first shot, it had no escape from the automobile. It is also interesting to note that this bullet was reported to have weighed 158.6 grams, which is in excess of any 6.5 MM ammunition made by Western Cartridge Company." This disposes of Shot #2. Shot #3 is described in a testimony by a Secret Service agent in which he testified that the bullet furrowed President Kennedy's head. In other words he saw the hair of President Kennedy's head fly forward. The fourth shot is

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a shot which struck the occipital protubence of Kennedy's head on the right side and exited through the front part of his forehead. This shot was almost instantaneous with the one which furrowed the President's skull.

MR. PENNINGTON

This indicated an automatic weapon, doesn't it?

MR. THOMSON

Yes, the assassin was using an automatic weapon which, of course, allows the shooting of the shots at much more rapid speed than a revolver or bolt-action rifle.

MR. PENNINGTON

I might add that we have many pictures in the office of the actual assassin, and it is apparently published, and you will come to know him very well before long. But I would like to continue with the rest of the shots.

MR. THOMSON

Yes. Shot #5 was a shot which injured the President's left temple. Now in studying carefully the position of President Kennedy's head as he gradually sank to the left, it is conceivable that his head reposed in such a position, dipping over to the left side, that this shot either penetrated or grazed his left temple. This shot is described by Dr. McClellan in his report, which is on file in the Warren Commission report. This shot was also described by Father Hubert who was a Catholic priest; one of the priests who was in attendance when Mr. Kennedy was given the last rites. So now we have described 5 shots. We shall now describe the 6th shot. The 6th shot was the windshield shot which came in through the side window of the car and hit a piece of chrome and thence was deflected to the windshield, etching the windshield from left to right, and this shot shattered the bullet into two fragments. The two fragments of which were found in the front compartment of the car. This left a lead residue on the windshield which was determined by technical authorities and also carefully set forth in the Warren Commission

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MR. THOMSON (Continued)

which would exclude this bullet having been fired by a metal-jacketed bullet. We are now down to the 7th shot. The 7th shot is a shot which is designated as the "Tague" shot. It is so designated because a man by the name of Tague was hit in the cheek and injured by this bullet, way down by the underpass. This bullet was fired at level trajectory from the same origin shots that we have described and traveling over the ground at approximately 5 foot distance therefrom, it gradually sank in a flat trajectory and hit the southwest curbing of Main Street, approximately 24 feet ^{east} of the concrete abutment. A study of the maps and photographs of this area shows that this is directly in line with where the assassin was standing. This curbing was spectographically analyzed by the FBI and found that it had lead residue to the exclusion of any material that would be deposited on it from a metal-jacketed bullet. So we have described 7 shots, two of which have been analyzed as lead bullets. The next bullet is the 8th bullet which hit in the turf or ground at approximately 20 feet easterly of the "Tague" bullet and almost directly in line with the same direction as the "Tague" bullet. So here we have a chronological history and a pictorial history of 8 shots and, of course, each one of these shots can be directly understood and logically explained to have come from the same point of origin as being five feet back of the curb, way up, just across from the Depository doorway. Now, of course, you did mention that we did have a picture of a suspect. And this was determined after our office had determined where the shots came from. So simple a matter to look in the available magazines and pictures of the area, and we simply picked the suspect out from the crowd.

MR. PENNINGTON

Very interesting suspect he is, too. The man is standing in a slightly

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MR. PENNINGTON (continued)
crouched position and seems to have a very large cape on. From the appearance of the black and white photograph, it looks like a black cape. He is also wearing a tall hat. It is almost like something out of history. It looks like John Wilkes Booth.

MR. THOMSON

Yes. This is very, very fascinating to see how this man would have been dressed at the day he decided to assassinate the President.

MR. PENNINGTON

People all around him are dressed in light clothing, right?

MR. THOMSON.

Yes. Now, Sid, I will give you this magazine, which is the Kennedy Memorial Magazine of LIFE which sells for 50¢ and it is my understanding that all this money goes to a memorial to charity set up by John F. Kennedy. I think it is quite a tribute that this magazine, when the people find out that the murderer of John F. Kennedy is depicted in sequence picture 1 in color in the magazine, it should be of such a tremendous sale that everyone will want to write to LIFE to pick this magazine up since it will go down in history as one of the most strangest phenonema of all time.

MR. PENNINGTON

Yes, I recommend this picture to anyone interested in this case. I do not see a page number.

MR. THOMSON

It would best be described as the first color sequence.

MR. PENNINGTON

The color sequence looks like movie film. And a man is standing just to the left of the limousine and to the right of the picture. And at the end of the hand, you can see an object. And out of this object is a small white gas cloud. Would you have a good explanation for the gas gun? Would you elaborate on this?

MR. THOMSON

Yes. It wasn't until we had done considerable research on this were we able to explain this strange gray cloud of gas that was emitting from the

MR. THOMSON (Continued)

muzzle of this gun and also the rather large profile of the gun. Our office undertook to study very carefully the movements of all the people in the vicinity of the assassin. And we found out that there is no sign of recognition by these people that they had heard a sound. We then studied the famous Altgens photograph and noticed that everyone was reacting to a sound and looking over to the Depository doorway. Well, it soon became quite evident to us that this man was using a technique that is used by only professional killers in history, and that is the use of a silencer screwed into the end of an automatic pistol. This silencer is a metal shroud that contains fiberglass detoning material and baffles. It is of course very efficient for reducing the noise level of the shot to that of an echoing motorcycle backfire or any other sound of the same frequency. that you would get where a car or motorcycle actually had a silencer on it.

MRS. THOMSON

With all the motorcycles in that parade, it would be pretty hard to pick out the differentiation of sound then, wouldn't it?

MR. THOMSON

Yes. Well reading the Warren Report testimony carefully, you find constant reference to the fact that these people heard a sound that sounded very much like a backfire of a motorcycle. But what they were hearing was the backfire of this automatic pistol spitting out these bullets.

MR. PENNINGTON

Now we have at the same time evidence from the Warren Report that there were firecrackers lit off in the vicinity of the Book Depository doorway. Can you tell us more about that; the names of the agents.

MR. THOMSON

I have gone through the agents affidavits and testimony before the Warren Commission and I find, that without exception, all of these agents refer or differentiate from the sounds from those of shots to firecrackers.

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MR. THOMSON (continued)

Almost every agent refers to the fact that he heard a firecracker going off to the right rear of the automobile. If you wish, I can go through some of this testimony.

MR. PENNINGTON

While you are looking it up, I wanted to ask you about the medical report too; that part of your trajectories out of the medical report say that the bullets went in a 12 degree angle, while from the Book Depository window was 21 degrees.

MR. THOMSON

Oh yes. At the Book Depository window, the surveyors from the Warren Commission estimated, I think, 21 degrees 34 minutes. Of course, it is ridiculous for a flat trajectory of such a bullet.

MRS. THOMSON

Well, I have this report from an anatomist.

MR. THOMSON

Oh, yes, it is interesting that I submitted my material to an experienced anatomist. An anatomist is a specialist in the position and placing the organs of the human body. Now this lady went carefully through on her own research, not mine, and came to the same conclusion I had come to; namely, that President Kennedy had been shot from a point that was at ground level and not from an angle shot from a window. And I would like to read to you her individual and independent research into the location and direction of shots based upon anatomy itself and disregarding any methods of mine. She says "Regarding the fatal wound. The point of entry into the skull was situated in the posterior scalp approximately 2.5 centimeters laterally to the right and slightly above the external occipital protuberance. The exit wound was discovered in one of the fragments of the skull blown off by the force of the bullet. The exact portion of the skull which contained the bullet wound was not described, although it could have been. This statement is made. Roentengrams of the skull reveal multiple minute metallic fragments

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Dr. Thomson (continued)

along the line corresponding with the line joining the above described small occipital wound and the right supra orbital ridge." Other important quotes on this topic are "We concluded that the large defect to the upper right side of the skull, in fact, would represent a wound of exit. Also received as separate specimens from Dallas, Texas are three fragments of skull bone which in aggregate roughly approximate the dimensions of the large defect described above. At one angle of the largest of these fragments is a portion of the perimeter of a roughly circular wound, presumably, of exit.

Radiograms of this fragment reveal minute particles of metal in the bone at this margin. Conclusions: This is the lady anatomist conclusions, based upon a study of the material I supplied to her by the Warren Commission.

"This bullet could not possibly have been fired from the sixth floor of any building entering the body at a 22 degree angle at the horizontal. It undoubtedly fired from one or near the ground. Question raised. "If the bullet exploded within the brain, which is one description of how reaction occurred, and of course, no bullet explodes because the bullet has no explosive material within it. Continuing, causing such extensive damage to the upper right portion of the cranium, how could a circular outline be found marking its exit? 1. First Regarding the non-fatal wound. (a) The bullet struck no bone in its passage through the body, (b) The point of entry was described in the autopsy report as "on the upper right posterior thorax just above the upper border of the scapular. This wound is measured to be 14 centimeters from the tip of the right cranium process and 14 centimeters below the tip of the right mastoid process. The exit wound is described as follows: In the low anterior neck at approximately the level of the third or fourth tracheal rings. The line of passage is further described as follows: The third point of reference in connecting these two wounds is in the apex

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MR. THOMSON (continued)
of the right pleural cavity. In this region there is contusion of the
parietal pleura and of the extreme apical portion of the right upper
lobe of the lung. Both the visceral and parietal pleura are intact
overlying these areas of trauma. Conclusion. The vague location of
the entrance wound and the lack of detail in describing its passage
through the back and neck could be very misleading. Strap muscles are
referred to in the autopsy burial report but specific names are not
given. No scientific ^{report} should use such meaningless terminology. It would
have been just as easy to identify the muscles by name. The fact that the
bullet went through no bone pretty well puts the entrance and exit wounds
at the same level. Now this is a very important point. The description
of the position of this wound couldn't have been more awkwardly
indicated.* Now here is a lady who is skilled in her profession and she,
by carefully analyzing these reports, comes to the conclusion that the
first wound had to be horizontal, because it would have broken or injured
the bones in the front and rear of the body. This bullet passed through
the soft tissues of the neck in the manner I have described previously.
Now we shall get back to the evidence that supports that fact that there
was a firecracker discharged fractions of a second before, or on the exact
time, that the President was hit by the first bullet. I shall read from
Commission Exhibit No. 1024, William R. Grear's Testimony, Agent of the
Secret Service of the United States Government. Now I shall present
testimony supporting the fact that a firecracker was discharged in front
of the Depository Building which distracted the attention of all Secret
Service protective personnel at the exact instant that MR. I opened fire
with the automatic pistol. I refer the listeners to Commission Exhibit
No. 1024, which is the testimony of William R. Grear. This man is the
Secret Service agent who was driving the presidential automobile. He says

MR. THOMSON (continued)

"The President's automobile was almost past this building and I was looking at the overpass that we were about to pass under in case someone was on top of it. When I heard what I thought was a backfire of a motorcycle behind the President's automobile." Now this man refers to a sound that sounds like the backfire of a motorcycle. "After the second shot I glanced over my right shoulder and saw Governor Connally starting to fall. I knew that something was wrong and I immediately pushed the accelerator to the floor and Mr. Kellerman said "Get out of here". I shall now refer you to the testimony of Ray R. Kellerman, Assistant Special Agent in Charge who was riding next to Mr. Greer. "We departed Love Field at 11:55AM along the planned motorcade route, etc. then a curved left turn into a slight downhill grade entering an area with little or no spectators. We were still traveling at the normal rate of speed of from 12 to 15 miles per hour when I heard a noise similar to a firecracker exploding in the area to the rear of the car about 12:30. Immediately I heard what I firmly believe was the President's voice "My God, I am Hit!"

Testimony of Clinton J. Hill, Special Agent, U.S. Secret Service. His testimony is in Volume 18, page 742. Mr. Hill was the man who was riding on the left front running board of the follow-up car and he was the one who helped Mrs. Kennedy when she was on the back of the car and in danger of falling into the street. Let me read the testimony of Clinton J. Hill.

"The motorcade made a right hand turn onto Elm Street. I was on the forward position of the left running board of the follow-up car. We were traveling about 12 to 15 miles per hour. On the left hand side was a grass area with a few people scattered along it observing the motorcade passing. And I was visually scanning these people when I heard a noise similar to a firecracker. The sound came from my right rear and I immediately moved my head in that direction. In doing so my eyes had to cross the presidential

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MR. THOMPSON: (continued) Testimony of Clinton J. Hill
automobile and I saw the President hunch forward and slump to his left. I
jumped from the follow-up car and ran toward the presidential automobile.
I heard a second firecracker noise but it had a different sound; like the
sound of shooting a revolver into something hard. I saw the President slump
more toward his left." Now here is an experienced Secret Service agent. He
states that he heard noises and in each instance he describes it as a fire-
cracker, and then again a noise that sounded like a revolver. This doesn't
sound very much like a 6.5 Mannlicher Carcano Italian rifle to me. Let's
now go to John D. Reedy, Special Agent in Volume 18, page 750. He says
"I heard what sounded like firecrackers going off from my post on the right
front running board. The President's car slowed and someone in a follow-up
car stated he was shot and I left to run to the President's car." Also let's
not be remiss here. Let's read from Paul E. Landis, Jr., Special Agent, U.S.
Secret Service, volume 18, page 754 and page 755. "I observed nothing unusual
and began to think that the sound had been that of a firecracker but I hadn't
seen any smoke. In fact, I recall Special Agent Jack Reedy saying "What is
it? A firecracker?" and I remarked "I don't know", etc." Now we will go to
Special Agent George W. Hickey. Now this is a very interesting piece of
testimony. George W. Hickey's testimony is in Volume 18, page 762. I shall
read from this testimony. "After a very short distance I heard a loud report
which sounded like a firecracker. It appeared to come from my right and rear
and seemed to me at ground level. I stood up and looked to my right and rear
in an attempt to identify it." Then he goes on and he talks about the
President and he says "He was slumped forward and to his left and was
straightening up to an almost erect position as I turned and looked. At the
moment he was sitting erect, I heard two reports which I thought were shots
and it appeared to me completely different in sound from the first report
and were in such rapid succession that there seemed to be practically no time

MR. THOMSON (continued) Testimony of Special Agent George W. Hickey element between them. It looked to me as if the President was struck in the right upper rear of his head. The first shot of the second two seemed as it missed as the hair on the right side of his head flew forward and I didn't see any impact against his head. The last shot seemed to hit his head and cause a noise at the point of impact which made him fall forward and to his left again." Now here is a vivid description of the man being hit in the head with two automatic pistol bullets in rapid succession. And of course, the two bullets he described he said were entirely different than the first noise he heard which sounded like again a firecracker.

MRS. PENNINGTON:

Ok, with what was happening, how could you tell the difference between a firecracker and a revolver? Or a pistol?

MR. THOMSON:

Well, the differentiating noise level of the firecracker and that of a pistol is the frequency of vibration. And I am sure that these men, these specially trained Special Agents who have nothing to do but to guard the President's life, are well trained in distinguishing noises, especially those of shots.

MR. PENNINGTON:

Is it correct then to say that all of the Agents heard sounds that they testified were different?

MR. THOMSON:

This is correct. The testimony that I have just read, if you will go back over it, you will find that each one refers to two different sounds, and in each case refers to one sound being that of a firecracker.

MR. PENNINGTON:

In general, be reminded that these are agents who are trained to tell the difference between caliber of pistols and rifles let alone between firecrackers and firearms.

MR. THOMSON:

That is their professional job.

MRS. PENNINGTON

Then, what is your conclusion to that?

MR. THOMSON

Well, it is perfectly obvious what my conclusion would be. That is we have first established that the President was shot by a man in a dark black outfit over on the opposite side of the Depository Building, and we have by inspection of the photographs that all of these men, who I have described by name, were looking over toward the Depository Building doorway in the direction of the noise they so described, as a firecracker. So they were diverted. There was a diversionary action and these men were looking in the direction of the noise. And then, of course, they testified that they heard these other noises that sounded like "the backfire of a motorcycle, like a pistol shot". It is obvious that what they heard first was the distracting noise of the firecracker, and then the subsequent lower frequency shots of the silenced automatic pistol going into action.

MRS. THOMSON

Well, I believe that in studying this that someone was shooting a rifle out of those windows, but it couldn't have been Oswald. But someone was probably shooting rifles. In other directions, people were shooting guns. I think guns were shooting all over the place and it was distracting everyone.

MR. THOMSON

Well, you would have to go to other testimony to ascertain if any of the other shots were coming from the Depository Building or from the bridge as other testimony develops. I have just been going over the close testimony of the experienced witnesses who were in the immediate vicinity, not more than 20 feet away from the assassin, at the time of the assassination.

MR. PENNINGTON

You said that you have been going over their testimony?

MR. THOMSON

I just did, Mr. Green, Mr. Kellerman and all of these men that were right within 20 or 30 feet of the assassin.

MR. PENNINGTON

You are aware of the testimony, not before the Warren Commission, but in the newspapers, the Dallas photographers who were standing in front of the fence, over to the right hand side of the limousine, stated the shots came from behind them.

MR. THOMSON

Well, yes. You see this is the delicacy of the whole conspiracy, that there is so many unrelated noises that you couldn't correlate with the actual impact of the bullets, that it fooled the complete world, let alone the Warren Commission. Now, undoubtedly, reputable witnesses heard, and one man saw a puff of smoke down by the overpass, so there was probably other diversionary shots or noises being set off at that time.

MR. PENNINGTON

When you say "diversionary", you indicate that someone did this deliberately. Think we might speculate on who this might have been?

MR. THOMSON

Yes. I don't see any reason why not. Like Mark Lane said "The Warren Commission has not pre-empted the field of speculation". Should we go over the speculation of what actually happened in the way of a conspiracy at the time the President was shot?

MRS. PENNINGTON

Yes.

MR. THOMSON

Our Engineering office has come to the conclusion that there was a diversionary protective action being taken, which was set in motion in order to stop the motorcade short of the overpass by approximately 500 feet. Because I feel strongly that there was a knowledge that there was a murder attempt or assassination attempt to be set into motion down in that area. And that the diversionary action, of which Mr. Oswald was a part, was set into motion in order to forestall this and to find out who the actual perpetrators of this crime were. However, the murderers had infiltrated the knowledge or intelligence of the group on the counter-espionage group

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and had placed a man directly across the Depository door, and he was the man who actually shot the President and caused everyone to become so confused that everyone, even innocent parties are being blamed for it.

MR. PERRINGTON

Probably the main problem with that theory of this assassin is—he apparently wasn't seen by any of the other spectators. Of course, he had attention drawn away from him by the shots or firecrackers, or whatever that was going off on the other side of the street. But we do see in the photograph a little girl that is apparently walking around this man as he is firing this weapon. And there are also other people standing on the other side of him. You said they were identified; these people around him were identified by the FBI in the Warren Report. Can you tell me their names and tell me the name of the man you say is the assassin?

MR. THOMSON

I can describe the picture to you. The man to the extreme left of MR. X is a man by the name of Phillip Willis. Mr. Phillip Willis took approximately 12 still-pictures of the presidential motorcade at the exact moment of the assassination. His testimony in the Warren Commission Report states that he was a personal friend of Vice-President Johnson. Now also in the Report, his wife, who is not shown in the picture, is behind the concrete fence observing the motorcade through one of the apertures. His daughter is Linda Willis and she is the little girl, if you will study the sequence of the pictures, who makes almost a complete semi-circle around this man to his rear and evidently is fascinated by what she saw and is looking at him with great attention. These two people are the only two people that I have been able to ascertain who have been identified by the Warren Commission Report.

MR. PERRINGTON

The Warren Commission did not identify the man you think is the assassin?

MR. THOMSON

No, and this is one of the reasons why I personally went to the Federal

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Bureau of Investigation offices and asked them for an identification of this man. To this date I have not been advised of his identity. On April 8th I wrote to Attorney General Katzenbach's office requesting that the Federal authorities take this man into custody as a suspect in the murder of President Kennedy and indict and prosecute him as the murderer.

MR. PENNINGTON

Have you seen anything in the Warren Report about why this Mrs. Willis is standing behind the facade rather than with her husband?

MR. THOMSON

No, there is no explanation of that. I don't have any explanation of that.

MR. PENNINGTON

Almost as if she is afraid of something.

MR. THOMSON

I can't speculate along those lines.

MR. PENNINGTON

Now getting back to the Warren Commission. We were talking yesterday about a Mrs. Cable that was riding in a convertible behind the motorcade.

MR. THOMSON

Yes, she was about the fifth or sixth ^{car} in line behind the presidential vehicle.

MR. PENNINGTON

She smelled, not gun powder, but a firecracker.

MR. THOMSON

Yes, if you read her testimony carefully she states that, just as she was making the curve, the turn from Houston onto Elm Street, she heard a noise like a firecracker being discharged and she smelled gun powder. While it would seem to anybody with any knowledge of this, it would be virtually impossible to smell the discharge of a rifle up behind a closed window, six floors up above the street. In my judgement, this lady smelled the smell of the gun powder of the firecracker. Now the position in which she stated the position of her car was at the time she was making the turn is very

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important because this would place the presidential automobile almost
directly below the sixth floor Depository window at the time she heard
this noise of the firecracker.

MR. PENNINGTON

Yes. Better than any congruity there about the curve where the
presidential limousine was when the first shot struck the President and the
picture that appeared in LIFE magazine in which shows the curve but the
picture in the Warren Report where it doesn't show it. Can you explain
why that should be?

MR. THOMSON

Yes. In my book I brought this out by showing both identical
photographs of the one page. The one shown in the Warren Commission Report eliminates
the configuration or curve of the street to the extreme right. The one
immediately below it, in my book, shows the curve of the street being
concave inward which would indicate the only possible position for the
motorcade at the time of the assassination was right at the curve as you
came around from Houston Street; not down the street where the curve of the
street is concave outward which would be the position if you plotted the
cars to the distances that are given to us by the Warren Commission
Reports.

MR. PENNINGTON

This spot where the first shot entered the President's head is
almost inaccessible. You couldn't see it from the sixth floor Depository
Building.

MR. THOMSON

This is correct.

MR. PENNINGTON

And, therefore, anyone would have to be a magician to get the shot
from that angle.

MR. THOMSON

I think the distance is something like 172 feet from the curve down
the street which would throw the automobile well down Elm Street in order to
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have any sort of a side trajectory from the sixth floor window. This would put the car too far away from the actual scene of the assassination.

MR. PENNINGTON

Also the Warren Commission said in the beginning, as did the doctors who performed the autopsy, the wound in the throat was an entrance wound because they knew the car was in that position when the first shot struck the President, and they knew in order for that to take place, the wound in the throat would have to be an entrance wound.

MR. THOMSON

Yes, the first reports were definitely that the wound in the throat was an entrance wound. And, of course, the first reports are the only true reports because the wound was an entrance wound. It was inflicted by a bullet penetrating his throat approximately $7/8$ inch below the collar button and exiting from his back $5-5/8$ inch from the top of his collar and $1-5/8$ inches to the right of the midline of his suit. This would place the line of the trajectory of this bullet absolutely flat with the earth's surface and at a degree of approximately 15 degrees from the direction of travel of the automobile.

MR. PENNINGTON

Does the Warren Report deal with that angle of entry, 12 degrees or almost flat angle? Do they try to explain why?

MR. THOMSON

Oh, yes. This is described, and it is described extremely clumsily, by their diagrams. There is a picture of an reenactment scene and we put a protractor on it. We found that the bullet would supposedly be entering President Kennedy's back at a vertical angle of 12 degrees with the vertical whereas, it left the muzzle of the gun at 21 degrees, 34 minutes. This would be a strange type of a bullet which would behave in phenomenal behavior such as that.

MR. PENNINGTON

It is a really predictable bullet, huh?

MR. THOMSON

Yes, it was predictable. It was predictable before it was even fired.

MR. PENNINGTON

I would like to get more into that. We have here apparent plots and counter plots and you say that the President was probably aware of an assassination attempt.

MR. THOMSON

This is conjectural but I feel there is sufficient evidence to consider it true.

MR. PENNINGTON

How do you fit Mr. Oswald into all this?

MR. THOMSON

I feel that Mr. Oswald was an agent directly responsible to President Kennedy and that he was assigned a protective role in this matter. I feel that his letter he wrote to his wife, consisting of 11 items of instruction, was directly related to his protective action that he was going to take on that day.

MR. PENNINGTON

In what way did you think he was going to protect the President?

MR. THOMSON

I feel that his assignment was to possibly discharge this firecracker and assimilate an assassination attempt and stop the motorcade in front of the Depository Building.

MR. PENNINGTON

We have a picture here that came out of one of the magazines which shows a man who resembles Mr. Oswald very closely standing in the doorway of the Book Depository Building. And it is very conjectural, but it looks like he may possibly be under arrest. He has his hands over his head, cupped together as though some sort of an arrest was being made, and you can see what could be the type of a policeman's helmet behind him. Do you believe that this was Mr. Oswald?

MR. THOMSON

This is possible. I don't have too much information on it to be
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absolutely certain of this.

MR. PENNINGTON

Is this the only picture that shows the doorway at that time?

MR. THOMSON

To my knowledge, yes.

MR. PENNINGTON

The inconsistencies in the rifle probably are not as important as the fact that it may not have been capable of firing the number of shots that were heard. In the NEWSWEEK of October 5, on page 35, we have the testimony from Agent Kellerman who said he heard a flurry of shots within five seconds. This was the agent who was immediately behind the limousine that the President was riding in. He also said he heard a report like a firecracker pop previous to the shots, and that these were two entirely different sounds identified by an agent who was very familiar with the difference between a rifle shot, pistol shots and a firecracker. He says he turned to his right in the direction of the noise and heard the President saying "My God, it's hit". Then later on, he says "I heard a flurry of shots within five seconds of the first noise". Now this rifle obviously isn't capable of this type of performance.

MR. THOMSON

Well, no, but we proved conclusively that the shots came from an automatic pistol which would coincide with the description of a "flurry of shots". With that in mind, it would be wise to go back to the testimony of Secret Service Agent Clinton Hill as brought out in Volume 2, page 138 and page 139 in the Warren Commission testimony. I would like to read this since it is very enlightening.

Mr. Hill. Well, as I came out of the curve and began to straighten up, I was viewing the area which looked to be a park. There were people scattered throughout the entire park and I heard a noise from my right rear which to me seemed to be a firecracker. I immediately looked to my right and in doing so, my eyes had to cross the presidential limousine.

MR. THOMSON (continued) Clinton Hill testimony, V. 2, pgs. 138 & 139
Mr. Spectre, (This is the man who is directing the questions to Mr. Hill)
Why don't you just proceed in narrative form to tell us?
Rep. Boggs. (Here is another one sitting in on this)
This was the first shot.

Mr. Hill. This was the first sound that I heard, yes sir. I jumped from the car realizing that something was wrong, ran to the limousine. Just about as I reached it, there was another sound which was different than the first sound. I think I described it in my statement as though someone was shooting a revolver into a hard object. It seemed to have some type of an echo. I put my right foot I believe it was on the left rear step of the limousine and I had a hold on the handgrip with my hand when the car lurched forward. I lost my footing and I had to run about 3 or more steps before I could get up in the back of the car. Between the time that I originally grabbed the handhold until I was up on the car the second noise that I heard had removed a portion of the President's head, and he had slumped noticeably to his left. Mrs. Kennedy had jumped up from the seat and was, it appeared to be, reaching for something coming off the right rear bumper."

Now you will notice that even though Representative Boggs used in his leading question the phrase "this was the first shot" that Mr. Hill corrected him and said this "was the first sound". I am sure that this man was not trying to identify these sounds as shots unless he was absolutely certain this was the case.

MR. PENNINGTON

The conclusion of the Warren Report also reached that the first shot that struck the President in the throat continued on through his body and hit Governor Connally. Now according to Governor Connally's testimony he says "I was certain that I was hit by the second shot". And also Mrs. Connally testified to the same thing. The President had been hit first and she had looked back to see him and then she heard or saw her husband hit by the second shot.

MR. THOMSON

Yes. Both Mr. & Mrs. Connally were adamant and would not change their testimony with respect to the fact that Mr. Connally was hit in the back with what he thought was the second shot.

MR. PENNINGTON

On page 37 there are also two photographs showing reenactment at the scene. One is from the Depository window and the other one is from ground level showing the Presidential limousine.

MR. THOMSON

Yes. We were discussing that photograph in which we put a protractor on it and it measured around 11 or 12 degrees with the horizontal whereas, the other photograph showing the technician directing the rifle downward has an angle with the horizontal of 21 degrees and 34 minutes.

MR. PENNINGTON

You can see definitely that ^{if} the telescopic site of the bullet had exited would have gone into the seat, and probably would have ended up on the floor of the limousine rather than hitting the Governor.

MR. THOMSON

This is true, not only of this shot, but also the head shot. If it had been directed inclined as described in the Warren Commission Report, not only the bullet but the fragments of the President's head would have been within the limousine and not out in the street where they were found by a medical student.

MR. PENNINGTON

Something else that is very interesting is that in almost all cases the participants in the limousine said "they". Referred to "they". The Governor said "My God, they are going to kill us all". And, let's see, Mrs. Kennedy says something here "My God, they have shot my husband. I love you Jack". And, again, at the airport, ^{Mrs. Kennedy} with the blood on her dress, what was her statement?

MRS. THOMSON

She said "I want them to see what they have done." This was when it was suggested she change her clothes and she said "No, I want them to see what they have done."

MR. THOMSON

So it all seemed to be in the plural. These people seemed to be convinced that.

MR. PENNINGTON

...even a patrolman said he heard Mrs. Kennedy cry out "What are they doing to you?" immediately after the shots were fired.

MR. THOMSON

I would like to go from here, if possible, to the conversation we had going in which we were trying to theorize the nature of the conspiracy, since we have proved that the President was shot by a man standing on the curb shooting at the President with an automatic weapon, and also that there was this diversionary action of the firecracker being discharged at approximately the same time. Naturally, it leads a person into trying to evolve just exactly what was going on there. And I believe I came to a conclusion that Lee Harvey Oswald was acting in a protective role in an attempt to circumvent this tragic happening. Now it is interesting to read Volume I, page 469 of the Commission's Report which is testimony of James Herbert Martin, who was Marina Oswald's business manager. I would like to read this rapidly as possible:

"Mr. Martin. I met a gentleman who is an executive with the Dinkler hotel chain, and he related the story to me that was told to him by one of their engineers, a maintenance man in the Atlanta hotel. The maintenance man's wife was or is a long distance telephone operator and on the night preceding the assassination, there was an individual that called. Well, the way I heard the story, that she said that he sounded like he had been drinking and he mentioned to her to remember this telephone call because it would go down in history. He made a credit card call to Lee Harvey Oswald and simply said "Proceed as planned". Then he made another telephone call to Jack Ruby and told him "if anything went wrong, he knew what to do".

Well, this conversation undoubtedly ties Mr. Ruby in with Mr. Oswald as far as the protective agents or screen of agents participating in this move.

MRS. THOMSON

Well, something else that would go along with that would be that Ruby was at the Parkland Hospital. The reason he was there was to try to

MRS. THOMSON (continued)

donate his kidney to Governor Connally, if it was necessary, after Governor Connally was shot.

MR. THOMSON

That is right. This is in the testimony in the Warren Commission Report in which Jack Ruby was referred to as having been there, at Parkland Hospital, attempting to give his kidney to Governor Connally in the event he needed it.

MRS. PENNINGTON

Who had made the telephone call?

MR. THOMSON

This is an interesting thing that nothing as far as Warren Commission or FBI investigation to date has brought out who made these calls. And it would seem with the vast agencies at their disposal, they could have traced this and find out precisely who made these calls.

MRS. THOMSON

You could certainly find out because they were made on a telephone credit card. It would be very easy to find out.

MR. PENNINGTON

It looks like more deliberate deception. Kay and I were talking last night about this inconsistency in the motorcade route and why it took the out of the way path up Houston Street and then down Elm. It says here on page 34 of this same issue of NEWSWEEK that the motorcade had to go in that manner in order to avoid the traffic snarl down at the end of Main Street. This was in order to get onto the freeway. However, it would seem to me that all the traffic had been stopped anyway due to the motorcade being in the area. So it is rather strange that the motorcade the out of the way path around the Book Depository Building.

MR. THOMSON

Well, yes. This thing has been kicked around quite a bit. The explanation I have read is that there was a "no turn" sign where the car went onto the freeway. But, of course, you wouldn't expect a presidential

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motorcade to be inhibited by a traffic sign, especially when they were being led down the street by a cordon of motorcycle officers. The Chief of Police was leading the whole route. They could have gone over a brick wall and still had permission to do it.

MR. PENNINGTON

Do you know or do you have any information as to whether this is a normal pattern for people getting onto the freeway from Main Street to go up Houston and down Elm?

MR. THOMSON

I have no knowledge of that.

MR. PENNINGTON

That would be an interesting point to explore.

MR. THOMSON

I feel myself that the direction of the motorcade was purposely placed in that configuration pass the Depository Building so that Mr. Oswald could set into motion this diversionary protective operation.

MR. PENNINGTON

It also says that this route was published in the paper on the 19th of November. However there was a lot of information that the motorcade was changed at the last minute in this area. That there was no previous knowledge to the public of this route around the Dealy Plaza.

MR. THOMSON

Well, regardless of what decision or conclusion you came to, it would be inconclusive insofar as what we are getting to, I feel. I don't think there is enough substance in it for it to be material in our investigation.

MR. PENNINGTON

I disagree with you there because it was an out of the way route and deliberately passed in front of the Book Depository Building, and if Oswald was gotten the job at the Building by some outside agent, then it would seem as though it were deliberately planned.

MR. THOMSON

Oh, I agree that it would be significant if it could be proven conclusively.

MR. PENNINGTON

Well, one thing that would be easy to check with is that it is a normal traffic pattern to go around that Plaza rather than down Main Street to get to the freeway.

MR. THOMSON

This would be worthy of some skilled investigator.

MRS. THOMSON

You may not be able to prove that, but you can prove that they moved the lamp-post.

MR. THOMSON

Oh, yes, if we are getting into traffic patterns, let us talk about the combination of the Stemmons Freeway and the Thornton & Stemmons Freeway signs. Now there is testimony by the grounds' keeper of Dealy Plaza that is absolutely astounding in which he is hailed before the Commission and he shows his extreme surprise when he finds out, that much to his consternation, the signs have been moved. Of course, these signs are very, very important. You will find after studying the Zapruder film that this sign is an excellent reference point as far as establishing the position of the motorcade at each individual split second. And it would be conjectural to say why these signs were changed after so many years of satisfactory service directing traffic onto the Freeway. But nevertheless, there is testimony and photographs which substantiate the fact that these signs were moved, altered and the grounds' keeper at Dealy Plaza showed this great consternation when he was shown this thing.

MRS. THOMSON

Oh, before the President's Commission.

MR. THOMSON

Yes, so all we can put it down to is the Public Works Department was certainly active after the assassination.

MRS. THOMSON

Kay and I are still interested in the lamp-post.

MR. THOMSON

You want to talk about lamp-posts also? There is evidence to the

MR. THOMSON (continued)

affect that one of the lamp-posts that would be directly in the line of fire from this man was taken down and replaced with a new lamp-post. Here again, let us not be too critical of this great Public Works Service that is being done down there but it seems that there was a concentration of effort to improve things in Dealy Plaza right after the assassination.

MRS. PENNINGTON

Well, you actually have a photograph where it is missing.

MR. THOMSON

Yes. I have a photograph of it taken down and a photograph of it being subsequently put back up.

MR. PENNINGTON

And you think that it is because a shot..

MR. THOMSON

No. I am not drawing any conclusions other than the fact that the City of Dallas was doing considerable restoration or maintenance work in this historic area where these land-marks were so vital for any future investigation should the Warren Commission conclusions be proven fallacious, which, of course, they are.

MR. PENNINGTON

To get back to Oswald and some of the inconsistencies there. For instance, his Marine Corps record as a marksman. The Warren Commission made a big deal about this marksman as if it were something to be proud of. However, in the first place, a marksman is the lowest ranking rifleman. And then, he only scored one point above the minimum requirement.

MR. THOMSON

I would like to know just exactly which Oswald was this marksman because if you read the Warren Commission Report carefully, you will find out that his Marine records show him to be 5'11" tall and weighing 150 pounds. And you find later an FBI report where this man has shrunk considerably. He is only 5'9" and weighs 140 pounds.

MRS. THOMSON

He changed the color of his eyes along there, too.

MR. THOMSON

Yes. And in Robert Oswald's testimony, which is Mr. Oswald's brother, you find page after page devoted to this strange questioning as to why the texture of his hair so suddenly changed. Now there is page after page in which you would come to the conclusion that there aren't just one Oswald, but that there is possibly two. Now this man had two wallets. He left his wallet and wedding ring at Mrs. Paine's home and then, when he was arrested, they found all this incriminating gear, such as the altered selective service card in a wallet. Now I only have one wallet.

MRS. THOMSON

He also had two passports. They had a reason for him having two passports but I forgot what it was, but most people don't have two passports.

MR. THOMSON

Well, I found that there is a record of two selective service numbers in the Warren Commission Report. Now this man had a dual identity I am sure. Now which man was the poor marksman, which man had not even owned a gun, and which one sat in the dark cleaning his telescopic site. I tell you, it is a really mixed-up deal.

MR. PENNINGTON

I know you have a theory there about there being two Oswald's. I would like to get into that more later. But how about the large photograph on LIFE's magazine cover? Which LIFE magazine admits they changed. Would you like to explain the changes in that?

MR. THOMSON

Yes. However I can't explain how this thing was manufactured. It is the most strange apparition as far as being a photograph is concerned. There are a flight a steps on the left, and if you figure out the rise on these steps and make a geometric comparison with the body, you will find out that the body can only be approximately five feet high at the most. And even with Oswald 5'9", this is in excess of a five-foot high man.

MRS. THOMSON

There are some other peculiarities. Marina supposedly took the picture. If you look very carefully at the magazine, you'll see Marina in the background holding the baby.

MR. THOMSON

Oh yes, this is an unexplainable thing. We ran a test outside the office at some comparable stairs and we couldn't even get the simulated Oswald in the picture without removing his feet or his head. If you will inspect the same simulation that the Warren Commission did, you will find the Secret Service man who was holding the rifle, trying to simulate Oswald, his feet are missing. So it looks like the Warren Commission had the same problems that we had.

MRS. THOMSON

Well, they probably had his feet missing because in the picture his pants are on over military boots, and then over that, he has dress shoes. Maybe they couldn't get all this in one picture.

MR. THOMSON

Yes. This is the most strange cut up deal. It looks like the guy is walking backwards. If you a sheet of paper over the shoes and over the upper body, you would swear from the buldge of the pants and the slash horizontally of the pocket that this guy was actually walking away from a camera. And the shadows are fantastically changed too. If you read the Warren Commission affidavits from these magazines, you will find that the shadows were actually changed in their photographic laboratory. Well, you can understand why. Because the shadows come from every which direction.

MR. PENNINGTON

Unless he was on another planet and had two suns.

MR. THOMSON

No. Maybe the explanation is that it was the two Oswald's rolled into one in this picture, and not just the one Oswald.

MR. PENNINGTON

Well, what do you think was the reason for doctoring the photograph?

MR. THOMSON

Well, I really don't know.

MR. PENNINGTON

Why did the Warren Report try to pass it off as real?

MR. THOMSON

Well, they got it on a national magazine cover and everyone accepted it as verbatim, except the European press and about the only thing they picked up with it was that one magazine had a telescopic site on and one didn't. There is evidence to this effect. But everyone was so engrossed in this one glaring defect that they failed to inspect it minutely for all these other defects. This same picture, by the way, according to the testimony of either Marina or Marguerite Oswald, was crumpled up and burned and flushed down the toilet. When it was found just after Oswald supposedly killed President Kennedy and he was arrested and the police went to Mrs. Paine's home where Mrs. Marguerite Oswald and Marina were and just before they went to, I believe the Executive Hotel.

If you want to read a real, live hustling story, read this story about these two poor women who had these babies with them being rushed by the Secret Service from one hotel to another, with the babies crying and the rash on their pants. And this poor woman flushing this tell-tale picture down the toilet after she burned it, and, of course, the picture suddenly appeared on LIFE magazine; even after she had made this sanitary approach to it. When she was at Mrs. Paine's, two reporters from LIFE magazine came to her and they paid her hotel bill in this hotel. They gave her a \$50.00 bill and she hurriedly stuffed it into her nurse's uniform and forgot all about it. And when they came up to present her with the bill when she was leaving the hotel, she was fortunate enough to find it.

MR. THOMSON (continued)

And it is just a real live story to hear about these poor women going from one hotel to another with all of this confusion. Of course, they did not have any money.

MR. PENNINGTON

Do you think that an Oswald, one of the two that you speculated, then had killed Officer Tippit?

MR. THOMSON

No, I don't think that any Oswald, either of the two, had any participation in that whatsoever.

MR. PENNINGTON

Do you have any theory on why he was killed?

MR. THOMSON

The only thoughts I can have are either that he was killed as an independent killing in this town of Dallas coincidentally with the murder of the President which threw the whole operation into a state of confusion when he was charged, of course, with the murder of Mr. Tippit.

MRS. THOMSON

From a first report, it was said that it was an entirely unrelated murder. The Dallas Police said that.

MR. THOMSON

Well, these first reports may be accurate. Of course, again, they may not. But certainly Mr. Oswald never killed Mr. Tippit because he was identified as getting into a Rambler station-wagon right in front of the Depository Building at the very instant that he was supposed to be killing Officer Tippit. This is substantiated Deputy Sheriff Craig who went to the City Jail and talked to Captain Fritz in the company of a FBI agent. Oswald was right there and got up and said "Don't bring Mrs. Paine into this. She had nothing to do with it". So evidently this explanation from Mr. Oswald verified the fact that he had gotten into this white Rambler station-wagon that was owned by Mrs. Paine. So this hocus-pocus about Mr. Oswald having killed Mr. Tippit is not enough to have him framed for one murder, let alone

MR. THOMSON (continued)
two all in the same afternoon.

MR. PENNINGTON

There is another point on that here on page 62. It says Patrolman J. D. Tippit and Bernard Wiseman and Jack Ruby met by pre-arrangement on November 11 at the Carousel Club.

MRS. THOMSON

Well, this is as a report and it is conceivable that these men were all engaged in this counter-espionage that we are coming to the conclusion was in effect.

MR. PENNINGTON

Now let's find out what happened to Oswald in the theater when he was arrested? There are certain things about that, that don't ring quite true.

MR. THOMSON

Yes. Well, of course, Oswald was not arrested in the theater, according to our own conclusions. We have certain reasons to believe that he was.

MRS. THOMSON

If he was, why was everyone saying "don't let anyone see his face" or "cover his face" when they were bringing him out?

MR. THOMSON

Yes. That is the testimony. I have read that his face was covered up and there is testimony that one of the photographers heard one of the arresting personnel state "don't let anyone see his face". There was enough discrepancy in time and testimony, and also in the two pictures we found which show reasonable doubt. In fact, there is more reason to believe that he was not arrested in the theater than he was.

MR. PENNINGTON

Do you think that the whole thing was put-up; that there was no arrest made in the theater at all?

MR. THOMSON

I don't know why Oswald had to be arrested in the theater but certainly there must have been some reason for it.

MR. PENNINGTON

Tell us about the cashier. That was interesting.

MR. THOMSON

Donna, do you want to tell us about the cashier?

MRS. THOMSON

I don't remember too much about the cashier but that there was a time element there.

MR. THOMSON

She said that she opened up firmly at 12:45. When this testimony came out in the Commission, she remembered vividly that she opened up her box office at 12:45.

MRS. THOMSON

She opened up the box office at the same time day after day, year after year.

MR. THOMSON

Which is 15 minutes after the President was shot.

MRS. THOMSON

She also made the remark that she wasn't in the theater and didn't know anything about the arrest, and yet someone else mentioned where Oswald was sitting and which row. She said "oh, no, not that row". She named another row and said "it was two seats over".

MR. THOMSON

Yes. She seemed to know precisely where he was sitting but just previous to that, she had stated that she had not even gone into the theater. The questioning of the man who owned the store, I don't know whether it was a shoe store, on the corner who claimed he first saw Oswald duck into the theater.

MRS. THOMSON

That was a shoe clerk in a store across the street, I believe. And he was just really expounding his theory about the whole thing. They suddenly asked him what kind of floors were in his building. They said "do you have cement floors?" And he said "no, terrazzo".

MR. THOMSON

Yes. It seemed that the line of questioning was just not satisfactory to the interrogating officials because he suddenly asked the man "what kind of floors do you have in your store". And the guy said "terrazzo". This ended the inquisitive line of reasoning and put a stop to that.

MR. PENNINGTON

There is another interesting point about that in the photograph of the

MR. PENNINGTON (continued):
arrest in the theater. There appeared a man on the right hand side on one
of the magazine covers but in the Warren Commission Report he is eliminated.
This man is out of the picture.

MRS. THOMSON:
What is in TIME magazine.

MR. PENNINGTON:
The man is laughing, his mouth is wide open and he probably could be
recognizable if you knew him. You might recognize his face.

MR. THOMSON:
Well, he was wiped out. There were two issues of the same magazine; one
that appeared on the Coast. I have a copy of both magazines. In one, the
man is completely wiped out of the picture and in the other, he is just
ghostly discernible. Now the same picture that is reproduced as official
exhibit or documentation in the Warren Report is the one with the man
completely wiped out of the picture. Yes, this photograph, which is a
purported photograph of the arrest of Mr. Oswald in the theater, is sub-
ject to considerable scrutiny. For example, the man who is supposedly
making the arrest has a cigar dangling from his mouth which is certainly
a strange type of operation if a man is arresting the supposed assassin
of the President of the United States. You would think that he would at
least take the cigar out of his mouth. Donna, you had a comment about the
policeman on the left. It seemed that his badge or epaulet was removed.

MRS. THOMSON:
There was something missing in one picture off his uniform that was
in the other picture.

MR. THOMSON:
Yes. It possibly was an identifying mark.

MRS. PENNINGTON:
Also in the picture that didn't eliminate the fellow to the right, he
was wearing a big smile. In fact, the Inspector or Lieutenant who was
holding the policemen's arm seemed to be in a very jovial mood.

MR. THOMSON

Yes. It looked like a really peculiar affair because Oswald seemed to be behind and yet these two policemen had their arms wrapped around each other like they were arresting themselves. And Mr. Oswald had a big goose-egg over his eye, as if he had a huge swelling. Now, it seems strange that this swelling would come up so fast when they were just dragging him out of the theater bodily.

MR. PENNINGTON

I was asking you before about these pictures of the assassination scene that were taken. Has anyone conducted an investigation to see about where Mr. Brennan was looking. He is supposedly the only eye witness to the fact that Oswald was shooting from the window, and his position is exactly described in the Warren Report. He should be seen in some of the photographs.

MR. THOMSON

Well, I haven't been able to find him. He probably is there if you look real close. Of course, he was up supposedly sitting on a concrete fence further toward the corner than where the assassin stood, which was right by the monument.

MR. PENNINGTON

Mr. Brennan states that Mr. Oswald was standing and leaning against the left hand side of the window, and firing downward at the President. Now the window, as we all know, was only 1/4 open. And the Warren Commission says that Oswald was either kneeling or lying down on the floor shooting at the President. Now Brennan gave a complete description of Oswald, in spite of the fact he was 6 stories up and behind the sill of the window and the window was 3/4 closed.

MRS. THOMSON

And the sun was shining on the window.

MR. PENNINGTON

There were boxes all around the window. And as Donna said, there was sun shining on the window so you have reflection, and yet he gave an exact

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MR. PENNINGTON (continued)

description of Oswald. In fact they used that description to arrest him.

MR. THOMSON

Yes.

MR. PENNINGTON

Now how could he have possibly have seen his height when he was in a kneeling position, and again he testified, that he was standing. So he obviously didn't get a good look at him.

MR. THOMSON

Well, I am certain that Mr. Oswald's description, as far as a suspect, was well known long before Mr. Brennan came on the scene. If you will study Mr. Brennan's position, it is inconceivable that Mr. Brennan could possibly have seen Mr. Oswald if he were in the position that the Warren Commission places him, which was behind the left part of the window which is depicted by a simulated shooting in the Warren Commission photograph.

MRS. THOMSON

Another thing is, Oswald definitely was left-handed. And not many marksmen even could lean on their left side and shoot left-handed, and be a crack shot.

MR. THOMSON

Yes.

MR. PENNINGTON

The bolt was on the right side, and he would have had to cross his left hand over the top of the rifle in order to operate the bolt. Unless he did it right hand, and if he did it with his right hand then it would have been very clumsy and he did very well in his shooting in spite of that fact.

MR. THOMSON

And it is strange that as one observer brought out, the fact why was he using a telescopic site because it would be more disadvantageous to use it than with a manual site at this range. Because you have to bring your eye on to that telescopic site and bring the cross-hairs right on to target after each operation of the bolt. He must have premonition of the exact

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MR. THOMSON (continued)

point that the President would emerge from the tree and have his eye glued to the telescopic site at the exact instant that he emerge from the tree. This is absolutley ridiculous. He couldn't possibly have done it.

MR. PENNINGTON

The Commission says it was 8/10 of a second after the limousine emerged from the tree that the first shot was fired. He would have to have lined the telescopic site up while the President was behind the tree. How could he have possibly known where the President was going to emerge? And yet his shot hit perfectly.

MR. THOMSON

The motorcade was 5 minutes late. And if Oswald was lying in wait, in the manner they claimed, he would..

MRS. THOMSON

His arm would have gone to sleep.

MR. THOMSON

...he would not know not know when exactly the President was going to come around there.

MR. PENNINGTON

That is another interesting point that I just thought of when you mentioned that the motorcade was 5 minutes late. An employee in the Building Bonnie Rae Williams stated that he was the one who was eating the chicken and drinking the coke on the 6th floor; that it wasn't Oswald. All the newspapers and television reports led us to believe that Oswald was sitting up there eating this chicken and drinking coke prior to the assassination. Now this other employee says he was there just 10 minutes before the assassination.

MR. THOMSON

Which would give Mr. Oswald just 5 minutes to find out that Bonnie Rae Williams was just getting out of that particular loaction, for him to take his gun out of this mysterious paper sack and screw it all together and

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assemble it, load it with bullets, line it up so precisely that in 8/10 of a second he could have the President lined up on his telescopic site. Five minutes; now would anyone in their right mind allow themselves such a scant period of time to do such an important job?

MRS. THOMSON

Oswald was supposed to be insane, so he could do this.

MR. THOMSON

Well, he was the lone Marxist assassin because if they made him anything else but the lone Marxist assassin, there would be a conspiracy involved and it would be a Federal case conspiring to overthrow the Federal government.

MR. PENNINGTON

It kind of did overthrow the government, didn't it? Now back to Oswald in the Book Depository Building. The FBI ran tests for nitrates or powder burns on the employees. Could you tell us about any conclusions?

MR. THOMSON

Yes. There is a testimony that came out very late that just barely squeaked into the Warren Commission Report but it is very interesting reading. It is by an expert in the physics laboratory of the FBI in which he is cross-questioned about the tests that were conducted to ascertain if Mr. Oswald had shot a gun. One of the tests was the preparation of a plaster cast which is placed over his face in order to pick up any residue to make an analysis to see if he had actually shot a rifle. Well, surprisingly enough, this plaster cast showed more evidence of powder burns on the outside of the cast than on the inside contact surface where it was right against his face. This is so full of incongruities. Oswald just rubbed his face over the outside of the cast before it was even set up.

MR. PENNINGTON

The official FBI report states that there was no trace of powder burns on his face, right?

MR. THOMSON

I would certainly conclude this when the man states that there is more evidence on the outside than on the inside. This was a kind of an atomic test

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that is differentiated from the standard nitrates test, and is conducted under very careful control to find the presence, I believe it is, barium and antimony of some characteristic elements that would be indicative of this. Then this expert goes on to say that these same elements can be traced to spray painting or other materials. He, in no way, could possibly form a conclusion that Mr. Oswald ever shot a rifle.

MR. PENNINGTON

I haven't read that part of the report but I know Mark Lane stated that the FBI said definitely that there was no trace of powder burns on his face, and also that there were traces of powder on all of the employees of the Depository Building because of handling wooden crates.

MR. THOMSON

Well, yes, if Mr. Oswald had lit a firecracker, his hands would show the same reaction to nitrates test as the discharge of a percussion cap of a gun.

MR. PENNINGTON

And it is true that firing a bolt action rifle like that with your eye up to the telescopic site, you would have to have traces of powder on your face.

MR. THOMSON

I would presume so. I can't claim to be an expert on such things but I do know from reading the testimony that the FBI agent found more evidence of powder burns on the outside of the cast than on the inside.

MRS. THOMSON

Now let us go back to Oswald's autopsy and the lady who wrote about the autopsy report of Oswald, and that he must have been shot with two bullets. We all saw Jack Ruby, and that he shot him with one.

MR. THOMSON

Certain things came to our attention during the conduct of this investigation that led us to suspect the actual happenings in the basement of the City Jail when Oswald was being transferred to the County Jail. I took the

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liberty of sending a copy of the operative record of Lee Harvey Oswald to an experienced anatomist in order to determine if the operative record truly represented the history of where the bullet came from. Of course the bullet, according to all pictures and all testimony, was fired from his left as Jack Ruby stepped out from the crowd. It was discharged in the lower part of Mr. Oswald's torso. Well, handing this over to this lady and she, without knowing any of the reasoning behind our request, made a complete and anatomical study of the wound as it was pictured traversing through Mr. Oswald's body left to right. It is interesting to read some of her conclusions. She states that the entrance wound over the left lateral chest cage; "this is a very indefinite location. It would have to be pretty high however to have penetrated the spleen, which is located up against the diaphragm. " " The Pathologist mentions a hole in the diaphragm but doesn't say just where. " " I assume it is on the left side since he mentions it at the time he is discussing the pathology of the left thorax. " " Destruction of upper medial surface of the spleen, if the bullet penetrated from the left it would have had to destroy the lateral side surface of the spleen; not the medial surface. " " To destroy the medial surface only, the bullet would have to penetrate from front to back or from back to front somewhat obliquely and not from the side, especially the left side. (3) " The bullet entered the retroperitoneal area about the midline in the area of the pancreas. " ✓

"It must be noted that the pancreas is not located retroperitoneally but is at the level of the inferior vena cava and superior mesenteric artery but somewhat in front of them. " " The bullet passed through the inferior vena cava, exiting to the right. " " It also sheared off the superior mesenteric artery where it branches off of the aorta. " This is all right as far as it goes but then the Report goes on to say the pancreas is shattered in the mid- " " pertion. If the bullet were coming from the side, it would not penetrate

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MR. THOMSON (continued) (Oswald operative report)
both of these areas. It would have to come from the front toward the back directly in or close to the midline." Then she goes on to diagram this thing. Then she continues and says "the bullet passed through the superior pole of the right kidney. The right kidney is normally somewhat lower in position than the left kidney. But even so, the superior pole of the right kidney is somewhat above the mid region of the pancreas and quite a bit dorsal to the back side of it since the kidney is retroperitoneal. The bullet passed through the lower portion of the right liver lobe and exited through the right lower chest cage. This is rather arbitrary. Again it is an example of the vague locations in these reports. One wonders where they got their training. The liver is the organ which is closest to the ventral or belly surface and if the bullet passed at the point designated in the drawing then ^{it} could ^{have} exited through the right lower liver lobe which is on the opposite side, but located on the ventral surface. I am not sure however, that it could have passed through the kidney in this trajectory. This leaves us with the wound at point (b) and she diagrams it, which must have been made by another bullet if the directions in the autopsy report are to be believed. The autopsy report states "post operative diagnosis--major vascular injury in the abdomen chest. Yet no where in the report does the pathologist indicate that any chest blood vessels have been damaged. As a matter of fact, he implies just the opposite. (a) There is a hole in the diaphragm but no hemothorax, that is, no bleeding of the thorax or chest. (b) There is no hemo-pericardium, that is, no bleeding around the heart. Where then was the major vascular injury in the chest? So you see, in summation, that this bullet came in from the side and in so doing injured or penetrated the medial surface of the spleen, and then came in again and shattered the mid section of the pancreas, which is the next organ over and still ventral or belly side of the person. Then this strange bullet went

MR. THOMSON (continued) (Oswald operative report)
to the rear to the dorsal part of the body and severed the mesenteric artery
from the aorta, which is in that protective area laying in the middle of
your back. And then this bullet exited through the lower right rib cage
lying subcutaneously there, or right below the skin. So, it leaves a mystery
as to whether this man had been killed with two bullets or one bullet that
was different from the one shown so vividly in the photographs and on
television.

MR. PENNINGTON

However, he was still alive when he was on the stretcher and taken out,
according to eye witness reports. It seems to be possible that he was shot
then again later on.

MR. THOMSON

Yes. It seems like he was either not shot and the report was in error
or he was shot twice and the surgeon made an operative record of someone who
was shot in a different manner than was portrayed in all the testimony, and
on television.

MRS. THOMSON

Well, let us not get so technical. Did someone sneak into the hospital
room and shoot him up again?

MR. THOMSON

These are questions that should be investigated. Evidently the Warren
Commission has taken these reports at face value without the amount of
investigative work on the murder of Oswald is ridiculously small compared
with the investigative work on the President. Now this is a human being
just like anyone else. Why wasn't a thorough job done of this thing?

MRS. THOMSON

Well, they can never do it now. He is in a great big concrete vault.

MR. THOMSON

Well, this vault is 2700 pounds, almost 1½ tons, reinforced concrete.
Now why is it that this man is buried in such a substantial....I am a Design
Engineer and believe me, if we had the job of designing a 2700 pound vault
it is normally for a transformer or gas main down under the ground.

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MR. THOMSON (continued)

Possibly Mr. Oswald's remains are going to remain "remains".

MR. FENNINGTON

It sounds like his body is more well protected than the President's body.

MR. THOMSON

Yes, more well protected than a valve on the main line of a 30-inch gas line.

MR. FENNINGTON

Looks like we will never know what happened.

MR. THOMSON

Oh, yes, we are going to find out.

MR. FENNINGTON

Well, I think we have laid a basic groundwork considering the facts of the assassination and we haven't covered everything. We should point that out. There is a lot more evidence that George has in his office; photographs, letters, manuscripts, Warren Report, everything concerning it. And if any of the listeners are interested in following-up or checking out anything that we have said here, they are welcome to go up to George's office. What are your hours?

MR. THOMSON

We are there from 8 until 5, and our address is 1528 Canada Boulevard, Glendale, Suite 208. We would be pleased to go over any of this detail with any of the interested people in your audience.

MR. FENNINGTON.

All right. Now I would like to go into some of the speculation ideas that any of us here might have as to what actually did happen, and why it happened, and who was behind it? We have fairly well established that Oswald couldn't possibly have done it. I don't think that this is anything that we have discovered. This is something that is common knowledge among anyone who has studied the facts.

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MR. THOMSON

Anybody who is sophisticated enough to have studied this will certainly conclude that Mr. Oswald couldn't possibly have killed President Kennedy.

MR. FENNINGTON

Now, if he didn't do it...this is something that is so fantastic and so grave in its implications. It involves deliberate falsification of evidence, deliberate not even calling witnesses who in any way would show that Oswald was innocent, involves deception by government agencies, by newspapers, magazines, etc. This is the most amazing and fantastic news story that has ever hit the United States, or even the world for that matter. The implications are so vast that it staggers the imagination. I would like for you, George, to give us your idea of what really happened that day.

MR. THOMSON

It is a shocking thing and you hate to think of it being true but one is forced to the conclusion that certain members of our Government are implicated in this murder. Because this murder could not have been perpetrated without participation or cognizance of high Government officials. The fact that this murder has been so skillfully and carefully covered up is indicative of the fact that these people, who are covering this murder up, had prior knowledge of this thing. And your statement about the implications of this thing is indeed true. It is staggering. It touches our churches, touches our financial communities, it will probably, if this thing is ever divulged and ever reaches the full knowledge of everyone, will change our actual system and form of government. It will show people that our present Government is not what people are being led to

MR. THOMSON (continued)

believe; that we are in some sort of control of a criminal group that can actually assassinate a President and conspire to overthrow our Government without even the general public being cognizant of it.

MR. PENNINGTON

Not only that, but with the aid of some agencies.

MR. THOMSON

Yes. This is what I say. These government agencies are in collusion the criminal societies that actually overthrew the Government. And, of course, the subsequent happenings since President Kennedy's death are more glaringly understood when you know that President Kennedy was murdered and the facts covered up in such a deliberate fashion. We have moved skillfully toward war, and these so-called actions by our military to, in the name of attempting to stamp out communism, you can see quite clearly now that these things are criminal actions. And they are being directed by certain elements in our criminal society.

MR. PENNINGTON

Would you go into a step by step analysis of what happened?

MR. THOMSON

What actually happened? I shall piece this together as closely as I can possibly do so with the knowledge and facts that we have at hand. First of all, I believe, that the motorcade was directed to make an awkward right and left turn in front of the Depository Building; purely for the device of putting it at a point where Mr. Oswald, who is acting as a protective agent of the Federal Government which, of course, then constituted in the presidency of John F. Kennedy, anticipating a murder attempt down at the overpass and the motorcade was directed in front of the Depository Building to effectively

MR. THOMSON (continued)
 stop the motorcade and create a diversionary action that would simulate an assassination. And in this manner, round up those who were responsible for this attempt and clean this segment out of our political and criminal community. However, the criminal community was so smart to interdict or find out what the counter-conspiratory effort was going to be, and they placed a man directly across from the Depository Building doorway and quietly opened up on the presidential motorcade with a silenced automatic pistol, so that no one could tell the correlation between the actual impact of the wounds and bullets and the sounds that were projected at the same time of the assassination.

MR. PENNINGTON

I want to interrupt you at this point. If what you have speculated is true, it involves a precised timing between the two forces. The firecrackers were discharged at almost the exact instant that you say the assassin opened up with his automatic weapon. Now without the firecrackers having been discharged, his chances of succeeding would have been much less and yet the firecrackers must have been discharged by the other side, by the other forces that were trying to prevent the assassination.

MR. THOMSON

This is, of course, speculation and I feel that this is strongly the line of reasoning we should take. That the firecrackers were discharged by the protective organization. Of course, the interjection of this man was not a complicated matter because all he had to do was stand there at that location. And as soon as the firecrackers were discharged, to open up because he had a range there of effective fire at the time and place of the discharge of the firecrackers.

MRS. THOMSON

He was also helped by the motorcycles.

MR. THOMSON

Yes, and also, I believe, that he had prior knowledge that the motorcade was going to stop. And, of course, this would have made a very simple target for him. These people in the car would be like sitting ducks. And contrary to reports in the Warren Commission, I am certain that the motorcade actually did stop. Otherwise, how could Special Agent Hill have put his left foot up on the car and mounted the presidential limousine if it was going at 15 MPH?

MR. PENNINGTON

We also have another photograph, I don't remember if we talked about it, where the car following President Johnson's limousine had the door opened at the time of the first shot. Now this photograph was changed in the Warren Commission to eliminate this car from the picture. There must have been some reason why this Agent inside the car had opened the door exactly at that instant. It would be very difficult for him to know that something had taken place already.

MR. THOMSON

Yes, I think that this man who opened this door so prematurely should be called before the new investigative agency to investigate this terrible happening and asked what event had caused him to open this door; why this car had suddenly lurched to a stop; and also, why the Vice-Presidential car and its immediate protective follow-up car were the only two that were left standing still in the intersection with the entire motorcade going around them? I think these things are very, very important and should be completely looked into.

MRS. THOMSON

Well, who was going to look into all this? During that parade, the minute Kennedy was assassinated, and Johnson wasn't

MRS THOMSON (continued)

able to be the Head of the Government yet and he was in Dallas; and almost all of the Cabinet was overseas in a plane on their way to Japan.

MR. THOMSON

Yes, of course, this is a matter of record. Dean Rusk and a large number of the Cabinet Members were half-way to Japan and the plane was turned around and directed back to Washington. It is an unusual thing and I shall grant for so many Cabinet Members to be headed in one plane in such a time as this. Of course, none of them knew that President Kennedy was going to be assassinated.

MRS. THOMSON

...And that they would be needed in Washington.

MR. THOMSON

Yes. The fact that so many heads of state were out of town at such a critical point is something worthy of consideration. to see that it isn't repeated at some other time.

MR. FENNINGTON

You can continue on with your narration. I interrupted you right in the middle of it.

MR. THOMSON

Oh, yes, we have seen that the President was assassinated during the time that these firecrackers were being discharged in an effort to have a counter-move against these men, and the element had moved this man in to a point where he was sure of not being detected, he had a silenced weapon, and he had the advantage of the immediate confusion in which it was pre-determined that Mr. Oswald was going to be charged with this murder, and he had excellent opportunity to flee the scene. He was probably half-way to Africa before Mr. Oswald even got into the City Jail.

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When you look at the pictures, you don't realize how noisy parades are, and how confusing. An awful lot can take place in a parade. There are all kinds of noises going on.

MR. THOMSON

Yes, and we know that this is what happened but the implications of what has happened since are the things that disturb me. The fact that the Government has been effectively changed over and we are headed into a system whereby it seems that troops are, I read in the paper just tonight that the Marines are going to effectively used independently of the Vietnamese in fighting that useless war over there in Vietnam. Now you asked me, Sid, to give you the outline of this plot as I see it.

This is the way it stacks up. Months before the actual assassination, someone got the idea that President Kennedy would be assassinated when he went to Dallas. Plans were laid very carefully to place someone on the overpass and to have him shoot from there. Espionage agents, probably Secret Service, discovered this. They reported their findings to Kennedy. Kennedy and his staff decided to trap these plotters by going ahead with the trip as scheduled but catch the whole group by having a simulated assassination attempt on the street approximately 500 to 600 feet ahead of the overpass where they would be safe. The cooperation with the Dallas police, possibly doctors, and many others were obtained. Their agent, Oswald, was put in the Depository Building to promote the simulated assassination attempt. Of course, this is of record that the FBI knew of Oswald's employment there and followed this event quite closely. Everyone was cooperating. Eventually Oswald was

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to be cleared, and the real plotters would be caught with all the proof in the world. All would have gone well as planned except a third group, or possibly a splinter group from the main assassination group, found out about this interdiction and just couldn't resist the opportunity. They put a man, possibly one who could shoot with two automatics; probably tops in his field; and perhaps flown into the country for the job, directly across the street from the fake or simulated assassination. All went as planned. The sheriff issued the alert five minutes early, fully expecting to catch the real culprits on the overpass. Then Kennedy was actually hit on the exact spot of the simulated assassination. That is why one Dallas policeman said "I didn't expect that guy to do it", meaning, of course, Oswald. For awhile the Dallas police actually thought that Oswald just got carried with the act. Then they were notified that though they had arrested Oswald, he had only "played" the role. So they couldn't hold him in jail. Then an entirely unrelated murder occurred, Tippit, so they held him for this murder. While confusion reigned, the actual assassin in the third or splinter group was to escape very easily. But one thing occurred that the third or splinter group had not known about and that was that many photographs were taken at the exact spot of the real assassination. As good as the source of their information was, they didn't have enough of the details to make their plan absolutely fool-proof. Kennedy's own protective group, who possibly planned the simulated assassination, were in a very difficult position. They knew Oswald was not guilty but they had no proof. They themselves had set him up to look guilty for awhile. This explains why more than one rifle

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 was found. It is possible that someone did shoot a rifle out of the Depository Building. However, it looks like the firecracker was dropped by the third group to attract the attention of the Secret Service. It is my opinion that the original group of planners had no way of knowing that the third or final group of planners had entered into this. Of course, it would have been wise to keep everyone in ignorance on this thing. Possibly the third group rather hoped that the first group would eventually be blamed for the whole thing. Now, that is the way I see it, Sid.

MR. PENNINGTON

Well, that is a pretty good analysis. However, in your facts and evidence, there is more than I have at my disposal. However, it involves a lot of intrigue, counterplots and a lot of simultaneous happenings that had to occur in order for the assassination to be carried out effectively. In my opinion, it was one group, and only one group. And the President was not aware of anything that was going to happen. And the Secret Service, the men who were on the cars, were not aware that anything was going to happen and that is why they were attracted by the firecrackers being discharged in front of the Depository Building. I think it was only one group who planned it and carried it out. And that Oswald was working for that group. And I can't tell you who it was. I have my ideas. But I think if you will look through the evidence and sift it all down, there is only one answer that fits all the facts and doesn't leave anything to the imagination. Otherwise you would have so many other things that would have to have happened and happen exactly right, and the eye witnesses had to see what they saw.

MR. PENNINGTON (continued)

If everything fell into place, it was only one group who could have planned it and carried it out.

MR. THOMSON

Well, this is not exactly correct inasmuch as the man who held the cold deck, MR. X, his motions and actions weren't subject to any timing by any other group. You have to find an explanation for the activities down by the bridge. This is a very important part of this investigation.

MR. PENNINGTON

I think those people down by the bridge were part of this single group.

MR. THOMSON

Well, possibly. We won't know for 100 years, as Chief Justice Warren, intimates. But, nevertheless, the man, MR. X, was independent of any other action other than the signal that the starting of a foot-race as soon as that firecracker was discharged which he knew was going to happen, he could open up and take care of his part of this plot.

MR. PENNINGTON

Suppose the motorcade route didn't take that detour around the Plaza? This would have foiled the assassination.

MR. THOMSON

This is correct.

MR. PENNINGTON

Suppose the firecrackers weren't discharged. This would have allowed the Secret Service agents to see the real assassin and possibly have prevented it.

MR. THOMSON

That is why it is important to remember that this thing had to have direction and had to have inception at the highest planes and highest councils of government.

MR. PENNINGTON

Well, that itself is indicative of a....

MR. THOMSON

....this is a conspiracy, and it is of shocking proportions that the men who are represented and paid by tax-payers to represent us in good government are actually plotting the assassination and the overthrow of our government, is an awakening that the American people are going to have difficulty understanding.

MR. PENNINGTON

Well, I can't believe that the President, being in his position and not necessarily caring about his own life any more than many of us do and knowing that he is a "must" and his position is one of absolute value, he wouldn't put that position in jeopardy by knowing that this assassination was going to be carried out or at least attempted and ride in the motorcade. And in addition to that, having his wife and the Governor and his wife in the same car and jeopardizing all those lives. It just doesn't stack up that he knew this was going to be carried out.

MR. THOMSON

That is true. This line of argument is valid. However, I have given it a lot of thought and I find that there are so many things that would override it that my thinking is still along the same channels. For one thing, President Kennedy knew that he was going to be murdered sooner or later. This, I believe, to be a fact. Now we can't very well dispute or throw out the evidence of Oswald being an Agent. I think it is indisputable, from what our offices have been able to come up with, is that this man was an Agent. Now he was either a good agent or a bad agent. And from what I have been able to ferret out, this man was not on the evil side whatsoever. So, if he

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was a good agent, he would have to be acting in a protective capacity to protect the President of the United States.

MR. PENNINGTON

Definitely, I agree with that 100% that Oswald was not aware that the assassination was going to be carried out. However, I think that this organization placed him in that position deliberately to make him a "fall guy," as he said himself under interrogation by Dallas police and the FBI... that he was a "fall guy" and that he was framed. He didn't do it. He never admitted his guilt.

MR. THOMSON

I don't recall him saying that he had been framed. Of course, he was kept under interrogation for 12 hours and there were no written records of conversations whatsoever.

MRS. PENNINGTON

Right in front of the television cameras, he yelled that he was a "fall guy". I remember that very plainly.

MR. PENNINGTON

I have a tape recording of his voice actually saying that he was a "fall guy" and he was framed.

MR. THOMSON

Well, then he must have been, if he said that because I don't have any knowledge of this.

MR. PENNINGTON

Well, this fits into the whole picture beautifully if he was the "fall guy", if he was framed for this assassination. This organization placed him up there and knew exactly what was going to happen and it fell into place perfectly with Oswald being arrested and charged for the crime.

MR. THOMSON

Well, of course, I feel that there is some significance to the fact that there was a complete denunciation of Mr. Oswald

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because he had some sort of a Marxist record. I feel that this was a deliberate thing, that it fits in with our present current thinking of blaming every disturbance on the face of the earth on Marxism or something to do with Communism. It seems to be quite a whipping boy nowadays. I am a registered Republican but it seems that people are going to run out of countries in which to send the Marines and blame it on the Communists. This business in Santa Domingo, where there was to have been 54 Communists, and they sent, what, 54,000 Marines down there. And when they ended up, instead of 54 Communists they had, according to this man, Borsch, 54,000 Communists. All these people were so disturbed by being shot by U.S. Marines that they were automatically classified as Communists.

MRS. THOMSON

Well, they just turned to Communism because they were so indignant about the United States charging in there and taking over and they all went against the United States. They were for the United States until we sent the Marines in.

MR. THOMSON

That is true. And what is that country? Uruguay, I think, that has been denounced as being Communist. These people are anything but Communist.

MRS. THOMSON

There is no more right wing country in the world than Uruguay. And in the newspapers recently stated their views that it was a left wing country.

MR. THOMSON

This is a criminal thing. The criminal actions throughout the world are being perpetrated by nothing but excuse of Communism. Here we have a report that a secret paper had been found

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and that the Marines would be sent into Lebanon. It was a white paper and the reports stated they were disturbed for fear the Nassar Arab states would find out about this and there would be considerable unrest over there. Now it is certainly not true that Nassarism and Communism have any ideological comparison whatsoever. And yet this report stated that the U.S. Marines were going to be used to suppress Nassarism.

MRS. THOMSON

Don't you think we are just a little too high-handed in our Government if we are going to make plans to suppress uprisings before the uprising, uprising?

MR. THOMSON

Well, I don't think we should select ourselves as being some sort of great white fathers to dictate to the rest of the world what type of ideology they can have. I don't see why we are so pure; when we can go and shoot a President on the public streets of Dallas and then go over and tell every country that we are the moral leaders of this world, and that we are going to suppress Nassarism, we are going to suppress Communism, we are going to suppress everything that we feel isn't particular to our liking. This is not the American peoples view-point. This is evidently the feeling of a few, selected members of our political and financial communities who are imposing this distorted view upon the whole country. I read in just last Sunday's TIMES that there was a supposed plot to take over the Amazon basin. Now the Amazon basin is in Brazil. I suppose it will be a bunch of spear-carrying natives that will suddenly find some cards on them and they will be classified as Communists, and we will take over the Amazon basin. This is becoming so glaringly

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apparent that it is a complete forgery or fraud; just like the conclusions of the Warren Commission are that blamed everything on Marxist Oswald. It is just pure smoke screen. This war in Vietnam is the same deal. We are going over there and fighting a war. Just today I read that the U.S Marines, the cream of our country-all the best men in the United States, are going to be used freely and without anyone's cognizance or acquiescence just because of a presidential directive that these men were going to be used under the command of the Vietnamese government. Now this is a criminal act. I say this is criminal act.

MR. PENNINGTON

I agree 100% with you there. I think it happened in Cuba also. Fidel Castro had noting to do with the Communists until the United States Press accused him of being a Communist and his revolution as being Communistic. And we cut off aid and diplomatic relations and blamed the whole thing on the Communists until he was finally forced to go to the Communists for help as he couldn't get it from us.

MR. THOMSON

I think we better take a second look at what we are doing as far as suppressing and oppressing the world with our ignorance and our stupidity or possibly, it is even something more sinister. Here we have a government...

MR. PENNINGTON

..hold it just a second. I just remembered something I read today about Fidel Castro sending President Kennedy a note, just prior to the assassination, which was calling for an easement of tensions bewteen the United States and Cuba. I don't know if this had anything to do with it or is in any way relevant but it is an indication that Fidel Castro still wants

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peace with the United States and would like to get back into our good graces.

MR. THOMSON

Well, one of the strangest things I have been able to piece together is this. Just prior to the missile crises, Cuba seemed to be our real threat. We were afraid of this eyeball-to-eyeball business and missiles all over the place. Now, Cuba is fallen into a very unimportant part of the world nations and we don't even seem to care or consider it a threat any more. This is very pertinent.

MR. PENNINGTON

Yes. I'm sure that the listeners will think we are digressing and...

MRS. THOMSON

...just a minute. Just what really started the war in Vietnam?

I heard that for many years ago this war started as a religious war between the Buddhists and the Catholics. Now it has become a world-wide thing.

MR. THOMSON

Well, I will tell you why it is being pushed, in my opinion. We have built up in this country such a complete educational linkage with our defense plants which, of course, Eisenhower called "industrial military complex" and he warned repeatedly of the United States to be on the lookout for it. Well, here we got a real big deal all geared up. All the schools and universities are geared so that scientists and engineers pour out of the universities and have no where to go but right into these machines or factories of war. So the end result, just like hooking a trailer to a truck--you have got to have an end result, and the end result is war. Otherwise

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the whole thing grinds to a horrible halt. So we have to have a war otherwise our industrial military complex is going to be completely eliminated and we are going to have a depression. But what excuse can we have for a depression? --By sending men all over the world to be killed in a blood bath such as happened in Korea. Certainly we can learn from our bitter experience of that tragic happening.

MR. PENNINGTON

I was going to say, George, that our listeners will probably think we are digressing and this has nothing to do with it but actually this is the whole reason for it. This is why the President was killed, so that these aims could be carried out better by the people who benefit by it.

MR. THOMSON

I don't think that this is a digression. In fact, when a citizen can find out where the actual point of origin of shots were that killed the President, and by logical deduction and using common sense, see what is happening all over the world, I think that rather dwelling on whether there were 8 or 10 bullets, or whether there were 2 rifles and all this, you would be blind if you didn't see the implications and the terrible things that have evolved from this thing.

MR. PENNINGTON

Well, George, and panel members, I think this has been a very interesting and educational session we have had here. There isn't too much more that we can add. I would like to say that the whole reason for this is just to get the listeners and the American public to try and find out what really happened to their President and try to prevent this from ever happening again. In a country we live in, there is no reason why we can't

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have the facts of what did take place that day. And I think the only way we are going to get them is by a mass move to insist that we have them. I would like to ask you for a closing statement and tell listeners how they can find out more about this, if they wish, and whatever you might have to say in closing.

MR. THOMSON

Well, the only thing I have to say in closing, Sid, is to express my gratitude to you and your station for being one of the brave people who will permit me to express my views on this terrible matter. I have found out, and as you may determine from reading my book that I have been thwarted in every manner from getting this to any responsible party or to any body who can bring this to the public's attention. Now, here we have a country that is founded on a Constitution where one of the basic ten is Freedom of Speech and Freedom of Press. Well freedom of speech and freedom of press is fine but, if you are not allowed or given the facility to bring your speech and press before the public, you may as well not have that tenant or part of the Constitution. So here again, Sid, I want to thank you for you and your station for allowing your listeners to be informed of how President Kennedy really was killed and the deep implications to our moral and governmental foundations and to see what we have before us.

MR. PENNINGTON

We thank you Mr. Thomson and your wife for coming here tonight.

MR. THOMSON

All I would like to say in closing is that I would like to invite any one of you people listening to this program at any

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time to come up to my office at 1528 Canada Boulevard, Glendale.

Go over my material, talk to our staff and see for yourself what has happened. And if you have anything to contribute to this in the way of helping to get this thing completely solved, The book, as you know, is called "THE QUEST FOR TRUTH". It doesn't purport to be the complete answer to this tragic affair. So lets all understand that you are free and invited to come up to my office and see and debate this thing. Bring your views in and we shall see just what exactly what we can do in the way of kicking this around.

MR. PENNINGTON

We thank you again Mr. and Mrs. Thomson for bringing this to our listeners.

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