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First a word about myself, about my assassinations work and about the series of which this book manuscript is a part.

I am a first generation Aferican, the first member of my family ever born intD freedom going all the way back, so to speak, to Ada400 and eve.

I have been a reporter, an investigative reporter, a Senative investigator and editor, and in World War II I was an intelligence analyst and an occasional investigator for the field Office of AStratefic Services, the OSS as a trouble-shooter, when all others had failed. These special assignments included work for the White House. Although all other involver OSS emcomponents had failed on them, I found done of the difficult. On the job tat awaited me when M_{i} security was cleared, all the lawyers had failed and a small squad of Worave men who had woluntered for a paracgute drop behingd Nazi lines in Fraance, having lost all their appeals, were serving their time in an army jail. They were free six weeks after my security was cleared and although I then did not know it, that growine a reputation in OSS headquarters and led to my being assigned to jobs on which others had failed.

When Harry Truman killed the OPSS, I was in the part sent to the State Pepepartment. Soon the crazies in its so-called "security" office were bout to rid the State Department of all not far into political between the site right winder as they were. I was fired without charges, when with no reason given, with no pelegatimate reason existing, along with three other men in 2 the Latin American Division of the State. Research and Analysis branch that had been transferred to State. In all, altough we then did not know it, ten were in that firing. All were to have been Jews but there was a case of mistaken so only nimple were of the ten were Jews! The feath were Monthly a Jun. I arranged a problem of defense by the law firm of rnold, Fortas and Porter. I had know monthly man Arnold, a former fedeeral appwals coury judge, when he was head of the Department of Justice Multiple Multiple to my finded anti-trust fmatters. with also handled what related to Nazi cartels, and I did a series of articles on them. I took that work, all my research first, to Arnold. I also knew Paul Porter when he was in private practitise, after he had been a fedewal communications commissioner. I did him a big favor for ome of his major clients of the time. Warder Brothers. But I'd not known the formation of the time. Justifie of the Supreme Court.

Before that case was over, we had been hired with a public state of fill apology and we then resigned, our names cleared. And the one said to have been without this was fired. Publicly.

That was an educatonal experience and I did learn from it. As I have had from a similar earlier exprience, when the Dies Committee of the House, forerunner of Joe Mc carty in the Senzte, had set out to frage me. I had no firm like the Arnold, Fortas and Man Man Fogrter people) and the United States attorney was under great zp pressue to indical me. Not that I had done a single thing except let it be known that I planned to write a book on the Dies cognittee. That case, also vry educational, ended when I took the grand jury away for the assistant "nited States att orney who was handlling it. If refused to indicat me and it did indicat the some agent used in the s effort to forme me. Two felonies were charg ed to him and Dies was humiliated by bying forced to make a public pleas frr Henency for his agent.

After these wo experiences I dechided to live the dream of Many soldiers, that we would be free and independent by becoming # afarmer. As did most who had that fream and did becaome farmers, ife has exchanged so much that for most fof his the fream of being free and indeependent was only a dream.

My wife and I had won every first prinze that e xosted then for poultry. She became the Nati ontil Chicken Cooking Champion. I then became the National Barbecue King and Fogether we won first and third prizes in the first national chicken-raising championship.

With that good heginning for a successful busines of farming A. Arm was ruined by mostly helicopter pilots with overflew our small farm. They Afrightmened the chickens, some to death and some to tearing each other us.

It made that operation impossible. When the ARWY REFUSED TO ABIDE WITH THE AMIGABLE SETTIEMENT NEGOTIATED WITH THE REPRESENT SATINE OF THE SECRETARY OF Defense, used and in that suit established a new fprinciple of law, of the property Mowner's ownership of the air space above his property to yir brinjy trwuire d for him to rnjoy whigh Constitutional right of an and enjoy propeperty.

I was liquidating the fram and had returned to writing when John Kennedy was killed.

I had just begun to gather the eggs after lunch. I was in the downstairs east of the four-pem hen house. I hasted through that gathering of the eggs to get back to the house and see what withere was on TV. Until he was buried I stayed as close to the TV set as I could be. With ever-increasing questions about the whole thing. About what was being fone and f said by official dom in particular.

On Sunday, the second day after the assassination, when I'd made the second round of tending the chickens and was at the TV after breakfast I told my wife about Oswald, "This guy is going to be killed." "Why do you say that?"see asked, and I replied because everything that is being done is making it impossible to try him. That means they want to shut his mouth, and there is only one day pecertain of that, to kill him."

Because I believed it was coming, although in my reasining a little while was not relevant in any way, I was even more shocked when (later I was looking at TV and saw Jack Ruby kill Oswald when it happened.

Two weeks later I sent my New York agent the lead and summary of a proposed magazine article. Her reply was that nobody in New York was considering anything not in accord with what the givernment was saying. I asked her how could that be in this country, that a president can be killed in board daylight in the streets of a major city ad obvious questions canot be asked.

That cost me my agent. She was afraid that representing anything other than the official assassination **ser**story would cost her her contacts. My the was right.

But I was shiftocked that sch a thing could happen in this countriery. I decided to keep a close watch on what was being said and to writer about the Report when it appeared.

Which is what Idid. My first book, Whitewash: The Report on the Warren Report, was the first bopok on the subject. It also could not be published commercialy. It received more than a hundred rejections, #without a simple adverse rfiyotisl #comment, before i published it myself. When it still was the first book on the based of the official records, only with different conslusions. It remains the basic book on the subject. In the three and a half decades since then not one of the man/of whom I was critical, some it could with a single adverse in the three and a with the official records, then is not be subject. It remains the basic book on the subject. In the three and a half decades since then not one of the man/of whom I was critical, some it could with a single adverse is a single adverse of the subject of the then has with the official formula is a single adverse in the three and a half decades since then not one of the man/of whom I was critical, some it could with a single adverse is a single then has with the official formula is a single adverse in the three and a half decades ince then not one of the man/of whom I was critical, some it could with a single adverse is a single adverse in the three about him. In all much of my bookd on

the JFK assassination are in print and I've not had any such call or letter from any one of the very many of whom I wrote Critically in which h complaind that I had been unfrair or inaccurate in what I said about him.

Affèr the Freedim of Information Act became effective #I tried to get the American Civil Liberties Union to represent me in efforts

to bring suppressed information ti light. It sawould not do that but it did introduce me to counsel who would represent me after the FBI came after me, as they thrugh t would be and the

In time, Jim Lesar, who then had neverappeared before a jury, MMMy did represent me in MMAFOIA lazsuits, abou a dozen of Them, and before a series of medical problems forced me to disconginue FOIA lawsuits we had obtained about a third of a millions pages *HEIMAN* that had been withheld. My own work on them represented with large wffort it was.

(The list of those lawsuits prepared by Lesar appears at the my 1995 end of <u>NEVER AGAIN</u>) (n moderal leadons not

When it became is possible for me to continue with that FOIA litigation it also became impossible for me to use all that valuable information for writing. All those records were filed in our we had basement, the only spece large enough to hold and those records and the large volume of my own work. Icould man and the

ver the years I had reeceived many thosands of letter. We estimated in Mabout 1984 that they totalled about 20,000 letters, all from strangers, But with the 1994aapperance of my <u>Case Open</u> thee as was a change in this letters. Almost all were from younger people and most of them by far told me that they had not been born when the President eas killed for in what grade in school they were. The wquestions they asked included new questions not asked as much before

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the President, and akmost as many wanted to know how I had done a what I did when it is not taught in school. Walkether question was dasy to answer and I could not do it in response to more than five hundred letters I received in three months after <u>Case Open</u> appeared.

In addition, from all those formerly suppressed documents I got by all that FOIA litigation, there was much that was not generally known and at the least, as a record fr h istory, should be available.

A formula for doing this began to take shape with the appearance of the disgraceful serie of articles min the Journal of the American Medical ASSociation (JAMA) in which that prestigious publication actually devoted a series of articles in which it agrued that the military prosectroes of the President's autopy were right no for matter how wrong they were, right because they said they were right no matfer how o verwhelming the proofs that they were wrong were.

I did not expect it to be published but it was, as NEVER AGAIN! What I did with Posner's <u>Case Closed</u> was, in manuscript, a eight hundred and ten pages. There waswas that much wrong with it, it was that dishonest. In it I preferred to him as a shyster and as tood a plagiarised, with his plagiarism running for from the faulty work of a bright boy of ten to an ealborate procente presentatio fo the American Bar aAssociation by Failure Analysis input indeed to show lawyers what could bur be done by some of the new means available. Posner adopted apart of the prosecition side and pretended so successfully that it was done for him that the Philadelphia inquirer grote an editorial, of all things, Tpraising him for going to all that trouble and edpense-when he had only stolen tit.

I had n ot expected it to be published but when there was the offer to publish the beginning twent to twenty-five percent of that large manuscript I accepted that because it permitted that many

(The first of these tenfts of which I know was by a Baltimore policemn, Richard Waybright, who was wrking for both Harrison Livingstone and David Liften. What he stole was what I had written about Lifton's mistitled Best Evidence, mistitled because it is neither. He also stole, and again Lifton is the one with greatest if not the only interest, is a duplicate of whatt Lifton got under FOIA from the militar y District of Washington relating to the assassination and to the autopsy.)

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As of the time I write this there are at least thirty-five & such books, all rought drafts. There may have been more because Mghen I was hospitalized there were extensive robberies that did not include the valuable antiques in our home but did include some of these books and quite a few of my files. The existing book manuscripts are, gradually, being placed on a CDRum, along with many files and two rare indexes. One of those indexes is to all of my hats work that has been printed. The other is the once-secret Dallas JFK assassination index that in its originzal form is fortytwo feet inches of 3x5 cards. (1 Mained I in FULA litigation, That A existed Was a servet, In the records I obrtained by FOIA litigation and by the threats of FOIA, litigation I discovered the proof that the assassination of the President was not intended and was never made. We see in Ins the foreword the language in which is ordered politely when the

man made President by that assassing ion approved the formule prepared for him to approve and in the with the tract in the

That does not tell the young people (and others) what they want to hear, that it is not possible to leearn who did the assassinating or why they did it, but it is thee truth. The grim truth that we

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All these hundreds of thousands of pages of once-witheld official assassination records, all the many thousands of pages of my own work, all these book manuscripts written as a record for our history and allthe ionformation recorded on those CDRoms will be preparations for available to acholars with the completion of/the archive holding all of itat local Hood College, a small and a fine college. had a coup d'etat, whether or not that was the intent of the assassins, and it we can do nothing about this terrible truth, it is better to know the truth than to live the lie.

So, we do not know who killed the President or why and it is better to live with this tryth than with any of the substitutes for it, beginning with the officaial fabrication and including all the others.

In examination of these others, and they are of both extremes, it is possible to include much of the new ev/dence and much of the dld evidence that was ignored officially and to a large degree by supporters of the official mythology.

The purpose of this series in to make as much for a record of this, of the fabrications and of the truth, as is possible for an old and feeble man. MM with MM and MM are MM and MM and MM and MM and MM are MM and MM and MM and MM and MM are MM and MM and MM and MM and MM and MM are MM and MM and MM and MM are MM and MM and MM and MM and MM are MM and MM and MM are MM and MM and MM and MM are MM and MM are MM and MM and MM are MM are MM and MM are MM and MM are MM a

The Blakey book is different that the other supporters of the official assassination mythology. It is more evil, mpre dsiniformative, more determinedly dishonest and untrue, and it has the support inevitable because he ran the official re-dinvestigation.

There is much too much that is wrong, very wrong, in the book for all of it to be addressed, and there is imammeasurebaly more that is atrocious in the Blakey committee acts and life, but it is possible to go into more than enough to validate these criticisms of Blakey, of his book and of his committee It was his committee, despite the fact that it was a comittee of the House of Representatives, for he ran it, he decided what thet would looks into mand how andwhat they would ignore, who they would listen to and who they wuld not, and what would have crippled it if nothing else did, the preconception which he denies was a preonception, his childish belief that the assassination was a mafia job. Only a man blinded by his preconception

or one unable to think, one without common sense, one who refused to think that an assassination required more than an imagiped motive, could begin, as Blakey did, with the belief that the JFK assassination was a mafin job.

The fiction which was motive to most of those who believed that the mafia did the assassinations is that the Preisdent was killed attorney general to force and end to his brother's campaign against the mafix.

Obviously, that, if something was to be tried against it, called for the effort to be made against the attorney general, not anyone else. And the fact it that the assassination of the President did of the president did not pead his brother to end or even reduce his efforts against the

mafia.

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Or, the basis fr that alleged mafia assassination did not exist. There are also many other factors to be cinsidered, traditionally means and opportunity. Blakey ignored them and all of the others f of whom I am aware also did.

They all just assumed the matia did and and, like Blakey, none came up with any of the required evidence, which does not exist.

The reason in obvious a except to the Blakeys, who need no reason when he imagined himself Perry Mason returned.

Which he was not, in any sense other than in his ego.

The title of his book is <u>The Plot to Kill the President</u>. It is now t The Mafia Plot to Kill the President, lathough Mathere is no doubt that a id what Blakey means, as there was no doubt about it when he got more mafia records from the FBI han he dim for his committee about the assassination they we supposed to investigate.

The While he spends a little thime on other irrationality, life that Castro did it, he emans the mafia and he has one chapter $m_{1}^{1} m_{1}^{1} m_{1}^{1$

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Chapter 10, "POrganized Grime in Perspectivde," which is a hundred pages long, pages 179 to 279. POther chaoters also include some of this. But thtat one chapter, is close to hat f of the bek. It is longer than the nine preceding chapters are. Much if those chapters preceding chapters is rehash of what was previously published, what is not in any sense new. As their titles indicate: "The Fateful Trip to Dallas"; "The Aftermath- Confsion, Grief and an Inquiry"; "The Decline of Credibility; 1964-1976; "Congressional Inquiry-1976-1972;" "The Warren Commission Evaluated; "; "Dallas in the Light of Modern fcience"; "A Message from the Soviet Union"; "#Castro and the Risk of Retaliation"; "and "Cubé n Exiles and the Motive of Revenge."

Of these nine chpapters, plakey's on his own investigation he poconsidered was worth only mine pages! and what he says about his "evaluation of the Warren Commission" is but sixteen pages.

Compare these with his allegedly "reconsidered" "rele" of Jack Ruby, which is of sixth pages.

Ruby had no "role" to be reconsidered" and Blakey does not even make on up.

When he starts to get into fact Bkakey has problems. His versions are not in accord with the well-known facts, facts I published long before his committee existed. Of the two threats he goes into en pzge eight, where ht falks about the more than 400 threats against the President from between March and Nivember, the month of the assassination One, attrabuted to Thomas A. Vallee in Chicago was not an articulated threat. He was an exremist of the political right and the Dallas popolice did arrrest him the day the President was due in Chicago but Blakery reports no articulated threat anainst the President and the records of the "hicago police and of the Justice department that I got hold no such threat.

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The actuality of the second alleged threat is even more ludicrous. It(also/I brought to light, along with the related FBI records that tigether I published in Frame-Up along with as much of the transcript of a bug - in the reprigeration the Miami had in the home of an informaer, no names by Blakeed, William Simersett. Blakey lies in what he says of "a secretly recorded Conversations, Miltter, who told of a plan to assassinate kennedy with a high-powered rifle from a tall building."

There was no such "p"paplan."

The Miami police and him undermicrophone surbeollance because they difeared he would distincite racial violence. He was not suspicted summer and of and he was not under microphone for any other kind of surveillance because of the non-epiting plot to kill the President Blakey makes up . Ing shit taiking In the course of his chatting with Somersett, in which Milteer sas just running off at the mouth, and the talk got to the President, what milteer actually said is that killing the President, any president, would be easy, with a eifle from a high building. But there was no plant ployt to kill this one, as Blakey says.

In what follows Blakey is ignorant in an area in which he csh should not be ig Morant if he ran a real investigation. His very next words, in the same paragraph are "There was no mortorcasde whe V_i Kennedy came to Milami on Nkvember 18. Instead he tatrab travelled

Beach autoclas from the airport to a Miami hotlelby helicopter, althi 2000ugh thre was nothing to indicate this precaution wasdictated by the Milteer threat," the one Hilteer did not make. Adter more conjectuses, this and Blakety just run out.

That Kennedy trip to Miami, as I remember it, was not on November 18. It was the next days and it was for him to address adores the Jubans, and make them promises and it was tora Latin American press convention: 1-6700 8-9).

There had been Guban threat in Mthe Miami area and for that time so the Secret Service had the President cancel his planned motorcade and use a helicopter. To any here is and in full.

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no miltter, no Somercett, none of the Blakey baloney, he can't even get the date right, he knows nothing about the real threat and he makes up threats that do not exist, and he has conducter an official investigation of the assassinatio, of its predecessor investigations and of the threats aganst the President.

This is a legitimate prtrayal of the supposed Blakey official invertigation and it is by Blakey himself. Not alone but an accurate teflection of the degree of credibility that can be placed on his word.

This also explains why so much of this rehas the was spikked, a without searching for other Blakey booboos, "may an met media"

In the next chapter, "The Aftermath..." Blaked soon gets to that Katzken bach no e to Moyers abiut which Blakey knows so little, much as he should shave investigated it, that he dates the nite the 25th whereas it was mawritten the 24th but there were no typist available that Sundary for it to be retyped. Blakey is also ignorant of the fact that Moyes conveyed to verball to Johnson at about nine $hu^2 q h_1$ 'for which Johnson conferred first to Hoover and then to Katzen bach. Nor does Blakey quote Hoover's several the statement that he and the FBI were proceeding as they and agree that Sunday night.

which was to assume Oswald's guilt and claim withhat before any reak investigation, and they man never made one, they had eough to comboo. OswallOswald at trial when in fact they never had any such evidence - could not even place him at the scene of the crime at the thme of the crime. When there was actial eidence that at the timm of the crime he was on the first floor.

All that Blakey found worth quiting from this memo, the one we have already seen, is that Katizenbach recommended a Presidential Commission to investigate the crime (page 23).

Blakey does quote prat part of that significant paragraph, # Zithout indicating that is only part of that paragraph, but enough to make it clear that he knew very well whathe was omitting a dend what is significance wask of Real Pury mean stuff, Supprime

In his note to Moyers, Katzen bach was merely echoing Ho \circ ver when he listed certain "facts' of the assassination that he believed ought to be made public '...Oswald was the assassin...h e did not have confederates... and the evidence was such # he would have been convicted at trial.'' (page 24).

On the next page Blakey avoids mention of the fact that Warren's choice for general counsel was, abnormally, prevented by Hoober acting through others, notorious Commission Member Gerald Foad.

On page 26 Blakey departs from practise to pretend that he is bringing to light what was not pknown previosuly know when he moutes only part of a sentence from the Commission executive session of January 22, 1964. The fill text, which I had to result to FOIA M/M/Mlitigation to get, I published, in facsimile, in Post Mortem beginning on page 475. All Rankin uses if part of what was said ab out the FBI not having run out all the leads it had. He even refers to that eric crisis executive session which the Commission then decided to suppress, as no more than a "meeting."

Then, for all the world as though the session Δf January 27 was part of that of the 22nd and not indicating that it was not but treating as it though it was all one meeing, Blakey quotes a trifly from the January 27 thrankscipt a s part of that of the 22nd. Here he again departs from notmal practise and simple honesty and included in presenting this as his work when in fact I got that witheheld *Wilt also* transcript, which was also, imporperly, classified TOP SECRET, by *Signale* a different FOIA lawsuit and published it, a long one, also if facsiline inWhitewash IV, in 1974. That book which does include the fill transcript, is devoted entirely to that session and to that trafenscript, (pages 26-7).

On the next page ABlakey is again careless with fact. He also quotes that January 207 transript as though it comes from his own work and he had yet to mention that boyth og those transcriptds were improperly ylsassified as TOP SECRET.

Then he refers to the "testimony of 552 witnesses" when thee was ino such thing although the Commissio did list that number of "witnesses." It included newspaper stories as witnesses, as itdid without a single Member present.

WBlakey ten refetrs to the Report as of 888 pages. iIn this he did not includes twenty-four pages with roman numbering . -n fack, the Reporttwas of 912 pages.

Then he quoties Warraen as saying that if it had been an ordinary crime, Oswald would have been tried in two or three Days?, with no drubt about the outcome (page 28),

the lighty previously have been true, with Oswald freed, because deferring the Report and the massive c_i^a ampaign in support of it, there was no acase against Ossald at all. There was only the official propaganda. Which was refited by the actual evidence the Commission and Blakey and his formittee all ignored..

In making up his case, which duplicates the one the Commission MWM and Blakey writes that

The origin of the shots was based on the testimony of witnesses witho said thety has seen a rifle being fired from the sixth floor found on Onnally's stretcher that parkland Hospitgal and on bullet fragments found in the front desat of the dimousible indicating they had been fired from a 6.5 millimeter Mannlicher-Carsanno rifle found on the sixth floor of the Texas School Bok Depository...frok inspection of the windsh ield ... the nature of the indivendent of the limousine that the time of the shots...(pag e28-9).

If, as were see, this was not enough for Blakey to describing Blaket y and the kind of investigation he headed and directer, he continues, speaking of "oswald's guilt" that " he had been at the window "t the time mu the chotswere fired... long with a paper bag fin which he had brought the weapon into the building" and that "he Commission had estab sihed that a riflemal of Oswald's capabilities could have fired the shots from the Mannløcher-Carcanno in the elapsed time of the assassination," which Blakey is careful but to give,

But Blakety then as a few words about the Tipping killing that deserve attention for what they say of Blakey, this his book and \mathcal{A} the supposed official investigation he supposedly headed to establish the facts, once and for all:

... nine witnesses identified Oswald as Tippit's killer, cartridges (area found at the scene had been fored from rfile in Oswald's possession ... and Oswald's jacket had been found along the path of flight from the scene...(page 29).

This is Blakey being Blacy, the phony pretending to be the expert and so ignorant he does not realize that he is maing a specacle of himself as no enemy could.

The origina of s the shotywas not and could not be based on the "testimony of witnesses", chiefly becaus no witness testified to the origin of any shot, leave alone the plural, shots, meaning at the minimum three shots, the three shots of the Commission's bfabrication, fabricated because nobody could do that shootibg in three shots and any smore even here actually made it impossibe to ignore the exconspiracy that thee shots meant.

Nobody said he h ha d seen , not a singl e person had seen what Blakey refers to in the plural when he psays that "wittnesses...said they had seen a rifle being fired from the (sic) sixth floor window."

One witneass #ddid say he saw a rf_{l} ile in that window but with all the many people along both sides of mouston and Elm Streets and looking in that direction at the time of the assassination, not of the testified to seeing any shots fired.

With regard to that Parkland Hospital bullet, about which only suspicion is justified, it did not and it could not identify the origin of the shots from distance away, in Dealey Plaza. Ballistics test could state that the bullet had been fired forom that rifle but that did not prove it was fired from that rifle at that $\frac{t_{int}}{t_{omin}}$ and other evidence proves that could not have been so,

It was not found on Connally's stretcher, as the man who found it testified so emphatically. When #Arlem Specter was trying to ge #ospital enginneer Darrell Tionlinsin, was pushing him hard to say what he was steadfastly refusing to say and saying that he could not say that that billet had come from "onnally's stretcher, when DSpecter put his big push on the Tomlinson who was determined not to say what he chould not honestly sate testified "I am going to tell you all I know can, and I'm not going to tell you something I cammax can't by lay down and sleep with at night with either"

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O(Whitewash, page 162).

Tomlinson and Tompsinson alone "founds" that bullet. Nobody saw Saw him pick it up when it fell from underneath the mattrass, and here no bullet could get on its own. But what he refused to testify to and did with such emphasis was thereafter, in all official inquiries, o (as here 2 agent) wusted as (what he refused to testify to. In what he says here Blakey is a plain, ordinary every-day liar. Not a word quoted is true and if h did not know he ewas lying he did not do the most basic part od his job and he has no business writing a book.

The bullet fragment's found in the front seat, and they were also found in the back seat and under the jump seats, did not and could not indicated "the origin of the shots." They could be identified as having been fired from that particular Mannlicher-Carcanno but they could not grand they did not prove "the origin" of tha assassination shots. That was presumed, not proven. It could not $d \ local$ be proved f proven despite Blakey's saying they did.

Not could "inspection of the windshield." It did not and it could not. "The nature of the wounds" suffered by both men also could not-snd did not-identify the origin of the shootinhg.

Nor could the lovation of the limousine at the time of the the In Foshooting. HarkZapruder film did not show a simple soullet heing fored and Balkey cites it as his source.

Blakey says that Oswald was seen at $\vec{\eta}$ hat window at the time of the shooting. That is not true.

Blakey says theat along with the rifle, found on the sixth refliction is the "paper bag in which he brought it into the building/." Building of the building under heary newurs

onsist that he was not carrying a rifle and testified to what confirmed them, or nobody saw Oswald carry any rifle that morning. Now with regard to that bag, which was made Of TSBD paper and trape, it could not have been m ade outside that building because the Fape was wet when dispensed, but the testing of the bag to the that it had not helfd the rifle.

Foe one thing, the FBI records establish tathing when ift received that rifle it as well oiled, bug & there was not a drop of oil anywhere on that Wibag. Quittilf Oswald and carried that riffe in that bag that morning, he had to have left fingerprints where he had held it. Not only is there no such crumpling on that bag, on all of if, inside and out. only is single thumbprints said to have been Oswald's was foundanyhwhere on that "bag" and it was on the inside. If On Without fut on the Usual had that the full in the by Mat Marking in simplification Oswald could not have carried that rifle from the

the Paine residence to the **XRXETIC** home of Linnie Mae 'aRandle, wth whim Oswald's ride, Buell' Wesley Frazier lived. That fright, lying flat on the back seat, left not the tiniest trace of oil on all the way that bag indwwhich it boundced up and down from Irving to Texas and BO Dallas Mand then all over the inside as Oswald Mallegedly carfried it from the parking lot some distance to the building (which he was seen entering without any bag or rifle in it) with the carrying g if the rifle inside the building, to and from the elevator, and with all of that not the tiniest smidgeon of that oil, which must shave been an exceptionaly magical oil!

The λ most excpetional of the many Blakey lies in what is here quoted may be when he says with that the "Commission established that a rifleman of Oswald's capabilities could have fired the shot s from the Mannlicher-Carcanono in the elaspsed time of the assassintation."

Careful as Blake ty was not to give the time taken by the assassination shooldting, and the Commission said it could have been as little as 4.6 seconds, Blakey is malso careful not to provide Oswald's rifle "capabilities." Like him, the Grommiss Commission found it easier to attribute all that shooting to Oswald and to Him lalone, without any expert opinion, none being available, on Oswald's rifle capabilities.

But earlier, when he was in the Marines, and he is not known to have fired a rifle since then, the Marines evaluated him as a lousy shot. The official MariAe evaluation of Oswald Mas a rifleman, gien the Community In writing by Kieutenant-colonel A G. Folsom "by the direction of the Commandant of the Marine Corp," is that Oswald was "a rather Moor 'sThot'." This is printd infacsimile in the first book fon the assassination, on page 30."It also was Blakey's responsibility to know this to conduct the investigation he pretendedly did gconduct.

With Blakey referring to Oswald's rifle "capability" and not saying what it was and without any means of actually knowing what it was when he had not fired a rifle in so long a time, we can turn to tests made for for the ¢Commission 100 gby the vesy best shots in the country and under visstly \$\$improved conditions, including the overhaul of the rifle and correcting its sight. Blakey should have known that. It was his job to know that in particular. Here is the little I said about that in that same first book on the assassination, which was completed in mid-February 1965 and published for general circulation on May 7, 1966, where aside from the offica official Commission publication Blakey should have seen it:

There is much more on this (Micu, pre o n this appears in NEVER AGAIN! ON PAHAB 301-5)

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So, Oswald at his military best was only "fairly good" and at the end of his service was a "poor shot". To offset this destruction of its sand castle, the Commission compared Oswald with a number of men who have spent their lives fir-ing and studying weapons, men of the highest competence, firing weapons regularly as part of their livelihoods for all or most of their adult years, men who had had scientific weapons training. Then on July 24, 1964, the Commission called James A. Zahm, a Marine non-commissioned officer in weapons training (llH306ff.). Zahm was willing to call Oswald a good shot. But even he specified a minimum of ten practice shots as prerequisite in the use of the telescopic sight (Rl92). And this, of course, assumed a good telescopic sight.

sight (R192). And this, of course, assumed a good telescopic sight. After deliberation, the Report concludes that Oswald's Marine experience, "his other rifle experience (a bad performance with a .22 rifle) and his established familiarity with this particular weapon (totally non-existent) show that he possessed ample capability to commit the assassination" (R195).

commit the assassination" (R195). Just how easy were these assassination shots? Could the per-formance be regarded as within the "capability" of a man who was at the time less practiced than when the Marine Corps several years earlier had evaluated him as a "poor shot"? The Commission arranged what it presumably considered a fair test, with its three genuine marksmen, "rated as master by the Na-tional Rifle Association" (R193). "The marksmen took as much time as they wanted for the first target and all hit the target. For the

tional Rifle Association" (R193). "The marksmen took as much time as they wanted for the first target and all hit the target. For the first four attempts, ... missed the second shot. ... Five of the six shots hit the third target ..."(R193). And they were firing at still targets, not moving, living things! These three really were "masters". Two were civilians in the Small Arms Division of the Army's Development and Proof Services, and the third man was in the Army and had "a considerable background as a rifleman" (3H45). Yet even they were not able to do what the Report says Lee Harvey Oswald, the poor shot in the Marines, when out of Theme is a size of the army to commit" (269(149).

Not a single one of he Very best shots in the country, under

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vastly improved conditions, could do whaft the Commission and Blakey and his Commissio committee attribured to in when if they did not, all esle they said about the assassination was false, not one coould simit qwq di what Blakey says a rifleman A"of Oswald capabilities," which were poor, ver'y Ipoor, could de.

The few words Blakey has about the thippl Tippit shooting are too much for any Balakey reptutation to surviver ohten.

r, ppits He says that "ninewitnesses identified Oswald as -i 1221it('s killer, M"Wargewhen not a single dependable witness did that.

cases He then says that the "cartridges, found at #the scene of the crime had been fired from a revolver in Oswald's possession."

Ther e what in court would be serious problems with this. Firsyt

Case of all, the cartridges said to have been found at whescene of that crime do not match the bullets recovered from the lippit shooting. The what Blakey does not mention also found there was a bullet that would not have fit in Oswald's pistol.

Then there is the fact that there was no identification palaced on any empty shell **maxix** bout seven hours and from the time the police got to haheadquarters with Oswald, and those empty shells were, without any identification laying unprotected in a desk drawer. All sprts of things could have happened to those empty shells in that time. (alleged)

A jacket was fund but not "along the path of flight" but off to the side and it was not one of Oswald's two such jackets.

Or, we beging with Blakey as Perry Mason.

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His kind of Perry Mason.