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Dear Mr. Adleman,

Thanks for sending me the copy of the very good job your class did in its story for the June 15 paper.

There are college people who do not do as well as your high school class.

And they did not make anything up. Every thing they wrote has a given source.

Too many are not this particular and just make up what they want to be taken as legitimate criticism of the Warren Report. Or they embellish upon what they've read or heard. Your students were faithful to their sources, which I am familiar with.

There is a caution I hope you will give them because having done all the work this fine article represents I do not want them to be disillusioned. And perhaps they can learn something from what I tell you for them.

In common with many others they recommend a letter-writing campaign to "Demand that the sealed JFK files be released." This they say is because "we can no longer wait to hear the ~~xxxx~~ truth."

This tells me that they were influenced by Oliver Stone, whose purposes ⁱⁿ the campaign he started was to build his own reputation after severe criticism of what he did to exploit and commercialize the assassination and to promote his movie and himself.

Because the crime itself was never really investigated officially there is ~~no~~ no smoking gun in any secret files. Moreover, only two percent of the Warren Commission's records are withheld and I believe all or just about all should be because they hold unsubstantiated information that can damage innocent people and to a small degree because they are claimed to hold national security information, a much abused reason that is sometimes legitimate.

While we have no way of knowing what records agencies like the FBI and CIA have that have not been disclosed, an enormous volume of these records is and for years has been available. I alone got about 250,000 pages from the FBI alone. *by FOLC documents.*

And to give your students a reading on Oliver Stone, although he knew that - make them available to all who write on the subject, he had no interest in them and did not ask for as little as a single page. Or for ^{any} part of his theories to be checked against them.

Certainly all withheld records that can properly be disclosed should be but people ought not expect anything like a smoking gun in them.

What is more likely is that they hold information that can be embarrassing to the various agencies.

But your young people did very well. I tip my hat to them!

Harold Weisberg
Sincerely,
Harold Weisberg

2 July 92

Dear Mr. Weisberg,

About a year ago I wrote you for information I might use that would be appropriate for high school students to research the JFK assassination. In your response you cautioned me to do careful research and be on guard for theories and obscure conclusions which detract from the overall pursuit of the truth. I am grateful for that advice, and implemented it ~~of~~ carefully.

Enclosed is a copy of a class project voluntarily undertaken by my American history class this spring semester. They were determined to share what they learned; I counseled them to avoid theories, yet back up every charge with the facts. I believe they have done that.

These students attend an alternative high school - a place for "at-risk" kids who haven't experienced too much academic success in their high school careers. If you are so disposed, I am sure these researchers would appreciate a quick note from you evaluating their efforts. All these students will be returning to school in the fall; I will share your comments with them.

Thank you for your advice and consideration.

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Sincerely,

John Ademan

Warren Commission was wrong

Our 20th Century American History class at Central Alternative High School expresses its extreme displeasure in the way the Warren Commission investigated the assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy. After our own investigation, we believe we have been intentionally lied to in order to cover up a conspiracy.

We present the following facts and documentation to support our case:

Lie No. 1: "The shots which killed President Kennedy and wounded Gov. Connally were fired from the 6th floor at the southeast corner of the Texas School Book Depository." ("Warren Report," page 18)

Our evidence shows otherwise: At least 70 witnesses claim they heard shots coming from the "grassy knoll," which was located ahead and to the right of the motorcade ("Six Seconds in Dallas," pages 254-270)

Gordon Arnold, a U.S. soldier who was filming the motorcade while standing on the knoll said, "A shot came right past my left ear . . . I fell down and, to me, it seemed like a second shot was at least fired over my head." (Nigel Turner interview)

Jean Hill stood on the Elm Street curb as the motorcade passed by. She said, "There was a rifle blast from behind the fence on the grassy knoll. I know I saw it." (Geraldo Rivera interview)

These witnesses contradict the official conclusion that all shots came from the Book Depository. Incidentally, Gordon Arnold's movie film was taken from him by a man dressed in a Dallas police uniform, and Beverly Oliver's movie film was taken from her by the FBI. *This evidence has never been returned.*

Lie No. 2: "There is very persuasive evidence from the experts to indicate the same bullet which pierced the President's throat also caused Gov. Connally's wounds." ("Warren Report," page 19)

In order for this to be true, one bullet must cause seven wounds. This bullet allegedly entered Kennedy's neck, exited his throat, re-entered Connally's back, shattered his 5th rib, exited his chest, smashed through his wrist radius bone and came to rest in his left thigh! ("High Treason," pages 26-29)

However, according to the autopsy sheet and the president's jacket and shirt, a bullet entered JFK's back at the *third thoracic vertebra*, not his neck. ("Six Seconds in Dallas," page 49) And the back wound was *never probed* to determine if it exited Kennedy's throat. ("High Treason," page 65)

The nature of the throat wound is also contradicted by Parkland Hospital physician and eyewitness Charles Crenshaw. He said, "I also identified a small opening at the midline of Kennedy's throat to be an *entry* bullet hole. There was no doubt in my mind about that wound." (20/20 interview, April 17)

The Zapruder film of the assassination also

OUR VIEW

Telegraph Herald, Dubuque, Iowa, Monday, June 15, 1992



The authors of this opinion piece are, top row, from left: Trina York, Aric Psaros, Jamie Doyle and Dawn Valentine. From row: Alan Biedermann, Don Krier and Paul Lange. (TH photo by Tom Wallace)

contradicts lie No. 2. The FBI determined that 18.3 frames of the Zapruder film ran through the camera every second. Therefore we have an exact time measurement of the assassination. The film shows JFK reacting to being hit at frame 225, the shot being fired at frame 210. Connally reacts to being shot at frame 238. This means one of two things:
 ✓ Kennedy and Connally were sitting no more than two feet apart, yet they were struck 1.5 seconds apart.

✓ There was more than one assassin because there wasn't enough time for one gunman to reload, aim and fire in this time span.
 Consider the Commission's exhibit No. 399. We are told that this "magic bullet" caused two wounds in Kennedy and five wounds in Connally, breaking through flesh and bone, yet it remains virtually unscathed, in perfect condition. (Six Seconds in Dallas, pages 146-147)

Our research shows the "magic bullet" did not enter Kennedy's neck, did not exit his throat. And the damage done to Gov. Connally's body alone would cause more deformity to the bullet than it now shows.

Lie No. 3: "The shots which killed Kennedy and wounded Connally were fired by Lee Harvey Oswald." (Warren Report, page 19)

Dr. Robert McClelland of Parkland Hospital plus all the doctors and nurses and

eye witnesses describe an exit wound almost squarely in the back of the head. (High Treason, page 28, and Six Seconds in Dallas, pages 105-107) This evidence blatantly contradicts the scenario of Lee Harvey Oswald shooting the president from behind.

Dr. Charles Crenshaw of Parkland Hospital stated, "From the damage I saw (to the president's head), there was no doubt in my mind that the bullet had entered his head through the front." (JFK: Conspiracy of Silence, page 88). Clearly, Lee Harvey Oswald was not acting alone.

Our research forces us to conclude that the official government explanation of the event of Nov. 22, 1963, is a misleading, inaccurate, blatant lie. Therefore, we call upon the public to write to elected representatives in the Senate and House and impress upon them that we can no longer wait to hear the truth. Demand that the sealed JFK files be released and be made available to researchers and to the general public. Urge them to support Senate Joint Resolution 282 and House Joint Resolution 454 to show that our government can be trusted and will uphold our Constitution and that for which it stands.

This article was the culmination of a class project under teachers John Adelman and Tim Ebeling.