

THE JFK MAGIC BULLET HAS LOST ITS MAGIC!

When former Texas governor John B. Connally fled I warned the Department of Justice that the bullet fragments remaining in his body must be retrieved in the national interest, to avoid "very serious embarrassment to the government" and to avoid "a new flood of conspiracy series of ~~conspiracy theories about~~<sup>about</sup>" the assassination of President Kennedy during which Connally suffered five wounds in the ~~parts~~<sup>three</sup> parts of his body, with fragments remaining in all three ~~parts~~<sup>parts</sup>.

As I also said, if those fragments were not recovered, weighed, measured and tested by neutron activation analysis, these ugly rumors "wouldn't be unjustified."

I was not theorizing. None of my seven published books on our political assassinations of the 1960s theorizes any conspiracy. These books, which remain the basic works in the factual writing about those crimes, espouse no theories of any kind.

The proof of the correctness of my warning to the Department is largely new and entirely official. It is in my eighth book, Never Again! the Government JFK assassination Conspiracy, now being edited for publication (Richard Gallen/ Varroll and Graf).

The proof includes but is in no way limited to ~~FBI~~<sup>my</sup> photographs it withheld from the Warren Commission and <sup>some</sup> it provided so unclear and indistinct the colors and patterns in what JFK was wearing cannot be made out! I obtained most of this "new" information in a dozen lawsuits against the government under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). In that litigation, some precedential and the one most relevant leading to the amending of the Act in 1974 to open FBI, CIA and similar files, I got about a third of a million once-secret official records.

That lawsuit was for the results of the scientific testing of assassination evidence.  
(Civil Action 75-0226)

<sup>U</sup> In my FOIA lawsuit for the suppressed assassination records of the FBI's Dallas and (Civil Actions 78-0322/0420, combined) New Orleans offices/the Department itself stated my unique credential: that I know more about the assassination of President Kennedy than anyone employed by the FBI.

Central in the controversy over the Connally fragments as it is in the official theory of the assassination- and it should be ~~remembered~~<sup>understood</sup> that the conclusions of the Commission

and of the FBI and the Secret Service, the two theories not being the same - is what came to <sup>be</sup> known as the "magic bullet" of the Commission's single-bullet theory. AKA CE399

With that, the FBI and the Secret Service knowing it was impossible, both disagreed - but in secret!

This theory of Arlen Specter, <sup>is</sup> ~~the~~ the Commission lawyer in charge of that area of <sup>9/</sup> its work, says that one shot fired from that Mannlicher-Carcano rifle that <sup>was</sup> known as "Mussolini's contribution to ~~human~~ humanitarian warfare, entered the back of the President's neck near the right shoulder, transitted his neck without striking bone, exiting through his short collar and tie, <sup>at greater than the speed of sound, essential</sup> and then ~~executive~~ manuevers like nothing in science or mythology, <sup>and</sup> turned sharply downward to the right to enter Connally's <sup>h</sup> chest under his right armpit, smashing four inches of its fifth rib before exiting under ~~this~~ right nipple, from there dipping steeply downward again to smash the heavy bones in his right wrist, after which, partly exhausted, it <sup>penetrated</sup> entered his left thigh just under the skin and after about three inches just stopping.

Specter, now a Senator from Pennsylvania and an experienced prosecutor as Philadelphia's district attorney, also developed and foisted off ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> theory that the bullet somehow lurked ~~in waiting~~ hidden in Connally's thigh until just the moment <sup>it could</sup> to somehow <sup>sneak</sup> get underneath the mattress of the gurney never connected to Connally so it could fall out when the gurney was pushed against a hospital corridor wall.

Some of the actual evidence is like in Poe's story of The Purloined Letter, out in the open to be seen but never seen.

Knowing full well the truth he sought to keep out of the official record and from the members of the Commission - and this, too, I have thoroughly documented with the official evidence - Specter avoided asking the most important single question of the only doctor in the world who saw the President's body before his clothing was removed and before any medical efforts were made. He is Dr. Charles Carrico.

When Specter failed to ask Carrico to state where the bullet hole in the front of the President's neck was <sup>located, Commission and</sup> Former CIA Director and experienced attorney and spook Allen Dulles did ask him. Twice.

Each time Carrico told him that wound was above the shirt collar. Dulles spoke these very words as a question and Carrico agreed.

Don't look for this evidence in the Warren Report that part of which <sup>was</sup> Specteer's responsibility. As he suppressed it from his questioning, he also suppressed it from the Report.

Somehow all other writers missed that. I didn't. I then interviewed Carrico and he not only told me that the President's shirt and tie were cut off in the usual emergency procedures, he demonstrated it using his own tie <sup>an imaginary scapel in his right hand</sup> and slashing with his hand.

Under his direction <sup>were</sup> the two emergency room nurses, Diana Bowren and Margaret Henchcliffe, <sup>one</sup> cut the tie off, there not being time to undo it, <sup>the other</sup> cut his shirt and jacket, with scaple scalpels. <sup>There was not time to unbutton them.</sup>

Both being Warren Commission witnesses, <sup>Specter asked</sup> neither was asked if that is what they <sup>did.</sup> had done.

I knew this from my examination of the extraordinarily poor photographs provided by the FBI. <sup>These</sup> ~~Which~~ did not include a picture, really an enlargement <sup>the Commission</sup> was necessary, of the <sup>print</sup> print of the President's ~~shirt~~ shirt collar. The cuts by the scalpel were unclear but apparent in an exceptionally poor photograph of the tie <sup>and</sup> a picture of the shirt collar was used as an exhibit in ~~the~~ a composite photograph the FBI used as an exhibit in the five-volume report it prepared at President Lyndon B. Johnson's <sup>order to it</sup> ~~direction~~ the night of the assassination.

I never did get a clear picture of the tie from the FBI under FOIA but I did get an excellent clear one, by accident, of that shirt collar.

<sup>later of both White and</sup> Richard Kleindienst, then Deputy attorney general, <sup>was</sup> and the official to whom FOIA requests were directed, <sup>against his department</sup> was reeling from the unusual summary judgement I had gotten in federal district court for the District of Columbia in a different FOIA matter. He asked the FBI to show him what I was asking about. It sent him original file copies of some of them. Disgusted and angry over his defeat, Kleindienst merely put them in a manila envelope, without return address and without the frank or postage, and mailed them to me. Surprisingly, without even postage due, I got them.

One, not <sup>necessary</sup> germane here, shows how the FBI phoned evidence about that single-bullet

theory. It actually taped <sup>upside down</sup> the caption of a picture of the back of the President's <sup>on</sup> shirt upside down to make the visible hole appear to be more consistent with ~~the~~ where it claimed the short <sup>Lee Harvey</sup> originated, in Oswald's alleged sniper's nest.

The Commission misused that photograph ~~that was~~ and even published it that way. <sup>paid</sup> Nobody <sup>paying</sup> any attention to the fact that the caption was taped on <sup>upside down</sup> ~~backward~~. <sup>It was only getting obvious from the left</sup> ~~learn~~.

The shirt-collar photograph leaves it without question ~~and~~ that in this most essential of the official allegations relating to that magical, single bullet it did not touch his <sup>short</sup> collar or tie at all!

That there is no bullet hole in the collar is also apparent, <sup>it</sup> as is that they are scalpel cuts.

These two cuts also do not coincide, <sup>by</sup> as had they ~~been~~ some ~~unprecedented magic~~ been <sup>are</sup> caused by a slit-making bullet, and they were not even the same length! This and more is visible in the accompanying picture.

If this hasn't <sup>my</sup> yet stretched Specter's magic past that of the Grim Brothers, there is more:

There is no bullet hole or anything that can be taken <sup>an</sup> ~~one~~ in the tie!

It is, of course, the knot of the tie that is of evidentiary value. The Specter magic pretended to be evidence <sup>requires</sup> that supermagical bullet to have passed through it <sup>smack</sup> ~~smack~~ dab in its middle. No hole there!

The only damage to the knot of the tie was in its ~~extreme~~ upper left as worn. <sup>slightly</sup> It was <sup>nursed</sup> nicked <sup>by</sup> the scalpel in the <sup>right</sup> ~~right~~ hand <sup>of the nurse</sup> as she pushed it <sup>to</sup> ~~to~~ ward and into <sup>the</sup> ~~its~~ shirt collar in cutting the tie off! <sup>4x here</sup>

Of course there is more, much, ~~more~~ ~~much~~ more. But these two photographs, enlargements of the FBI's, make it without any question at all that this part of Specter's and the Commission's substitute for evidence, their incredible and impossible concoction that is so essential <sup>"solution" to the crime is</sup> to their ~~false~~ and knowing <sup>by</sup> ~~false~~ <sup>They also</sup> "solution" to the assassination, leave it without <sup>doubt</sup> and ~~doubt~~ that the "solution" ~~is false~~ and that the fragments in Governor Connally's body, <sup>officially</sup> ~~alleged~~ by this hocus-pocus to have come from this <sup>one</sup> ~~own~~ magical bullet only, had to be <sup>removed</sup> ~~recorded~~ and studied carefully and closely <sup>in the nation's interest</sup>.

The FBI's first law is cover its ass. Its ~~second~~ and survival-required second law is cover your own ass. There was <sup>a</sup>separate proof that neither the shirt collar nor the tie was even touched by a bullet. The FBI's spectrographic examinations proved that. So, Frazier covered the FBI's and his own <sup>ass</sup> by telling this to the Commission and to Specter.

Specter covered his own and the Commission's asses by ignoring that proof, too.

Of the many and simply overwhelming proofs of this in Never Again I here cite only one other, in part because <sup>it also</sup> that demolishes the integrity of the select committee on assassinations <sup>in</sup> the late 1970s created by the House of Representatives to study the JFK and the ~~King~~ assassination. <sup>so</sup>

Learning from my two earlier conferences <sup>with</sup> that committee, at its requests, that it did not intend any real investigation and that it began with the determination to do what could be done to affirm the official assassination mythologies, I had no ~~more~~

more to do with it and thereafter referred to it as "the House assassins", <sup>committee</sup>

When <sup>the committee</sup> it became known that <sup>Dr.</sup> it had engaged Vincent Guinn, an authentic expert <sup>neutron activation analysis,</sup> on the advanced technique for identifying specimens with each other or establishing no connection, to ~~perform~~ <sup>perform</sup> those tests for it and because I know of some of the phonying I <sup>bring</sup> ~~bring~~ to light in ~~my~~ <sup>my</sup> new book, I asked my friend of 25 years, George Lardner, Washington Post Pulitzer-prize winner and experienced ~~investigative~~ <sup>investigative</sup> reporter, to ask Guinn if he had validated the specimens of bullet fragments said to have been removed from Connally <sup>& secret</sup> and from JFK's head. <sup>The truth</sup> (From which, it should not be forgotten, all fragments were not removed.)

Guinn testified on Friday, September 9, 1978. The essence of his sworn testimony is correctly <sup>and published</sup> stated in the Post's headline on Lardner's <sup>next day</sup> story: "New Tests Said to Match Fragments in Kennedy, ~~Connally~~." <sup>Connally</sup>

But when Lardner had the chance to ask ~~Dr.~~ Guinn the question I asked him to ask, <sup>but</sup> as Guinn left the hearing room, the ~~truth~~ <sup>real</sup> truth that is the <sup>the government</sup> exact opposite of what <sup>Guinn</sup> ~~Guinn~~ swore to emerged:

"Guinn's tests created a new mystery, however. The fragments the FBI tested in ~~1964~~ 1964, he told ~~Fothian~~ <sup>Fothian</sup> (a committee <sup>member</sup>) have all disappeared" (emphasis added)

And when in his Irvine, California, laboratory Guinn examined the fragments supposedly taken from Kennedy and Connally <sup>Guinn</sup> ~~Guinn~~ found that they "did not include any of the specific pieces the FBI analyzed. 'Where they are I have no idea,'" Guinn said.

Guinn also told ~~reports~~ <sup>reports</sup> Lardner that the weights of the official specimens and those he was given in substitution were different.

~~And~~ <sup>to</sup> cap this horror that has escaped all other attention except mine in our history,

Guinn said that he had been assured by the National Archives, official custodian of the evidence, that what it took to him is all there is <sup>that was</sup> recovered from Connally's wrist.

That there is a fragment in Connally's <sup>left</sup> thigh is admitted by the Report, which also downplays it. But when the doctor in charge of Connally's medical care, <sup>Partlow Hospital</sup> George T. Shires, was deposed by Specter in Dallas beginning at ~~4:34~~ <sup>4:34</sup> 4:35 p.m. on March 23, 1964, and Shires testified that <sup>there was</sup> ~~that~~ a bullet fragment ~~also remains~~ in Connally's chest, Specter did not trouble <sup>it</sup> with the Commission members by bringing Shires to Washington to testify before them <sup>nor did he remember</sup> ~~as~~ the Commission's Report with any knowledge about this additional fragment of bullet.

Now according to the FBI's expert witness in his Commission testimony, in its career that ~~was known~~ is without any precedent at all, this magical bullet lost only about a grain and a half of its original weight.

Another secret until I brought it to light, and it adds still another lie to the Commission and all involved in this area of its work and Report, is that Magic Bullet did leave fragments in the President's chest, <sup>neck area,</sup> This is confirmed by a special panel of the most outstanding experts in forensic medicine and radiology the Department of ~~Justice~~ <sup>Justice</sup> convened to study and reports on the evidence held by the autopsy film photographs and X-rays. And, aside from the fragments remaining in Connally's body after burial, <sup>that bullet</sup> ~~it~~ left many fragments in his wrist <sup>some were</sup> ~~that were merely~~ a washed away as it was cleansed for treatment and repair.

Then there is a major dispute between what the FBI's records reflect of the specimens that were recovered and turned over by the nurse in charge and what she has stoutly insisted from the very beginning, unimpaired by any pressures of any kind.

Audrey Bell- and don't look for her name in the Report, it is not there- insists today that she gathered, washed, packaged and turned over a larger collection of bullet fragments than the FBI admitted receiving. <sup>quote -</sup> (I expect to be able to quote her directly soon, when the transcript of her remarks reaches me)

Frazier did not use everyday language in telling the Commission how much weight this ~~user~~ supermagical bullet could have lost. He <sup>repeatedly</sup> ~~gave~~ grains, <sup>He testified</sup> and said it lost about one and a

half of them.

How much is a grain?

Well, it takes 480 of them to make a single ounce!

Postage-stamp weight!

*Can this minuscule weight*  
 To represent the not inconsiderable number of known and officially admitted fragments reported above, <sup>1</sup> without those washed away in the emergency treatment of Connally's wrist <sup>2</sup> or those ~~pieces~~ <sup>3</sup> recovered from it by Bell and not accounted for in any official record.?

So really tiny a fraction of a single ounce!

This is far from all the record of official hanky-panky ~~with~~ with the most essential evidence <sup>what</sup> the government investigated that most subversive of crimes, the assassination of the President, that I bring to light in Never Again!

<sup>B</sup> Small a portion as it is, with virtually <sup>all this</sup> the evidence, <sup>to</sup> the suppressed and misrepresented official evidence, it is more than enough to validate my <sup>warning</sup> statement of the Department of Justice that it would serve an urgent national need to recover and study those fragments officially claim <sup>ed</sup> to have come from this one magic bullet <sup>it also</sup> and <sup>is</sup> to justify my warning that not doing it could be greatly embarrassing to the government ~~and us~~

And could, for once, justify the coming flood of ugly rumors.

Is it not apparent that the only rational reason for not collecting that essential evidence in "the crime of the century" ~~records~~ was to avoid the official disproof of the official theory of that crime foisted of on the nation as its solution?