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IS THIS ONE OF THE KENNEDY ASSASSINS?





WHY DOESN'T THIS 'MOORMAN PHOTO' APPEAR AS A WARREN COMMISSION EXHIBIT?



The photograph to the left is the one taken by Mary Moorman with her Polaroid camera as President Kennedy was being assassinated, (The artist's sketch on the back page of this Issue locates the position of Mrs. Moorman when she took this picture).

As the article beginning on page two relates in detail, David Lifton, a graduate student at UCLA, made an examination of the Moorman photo in 1965 and discovered the man shown in the above series of blow-ups. He is holding a straight object in his hands and possibly may have actually fixed a frontal shot at the President's car as it came up the street, This can not be determined from this photo but it is important to note that the existence of this man at that time and place contradicts the Warran Commission reports on the assassination, which dense that anyone stood behind this wall or the picket fence.

We print the photograph in a series of blow-ups beginning the beginning the manifest the original size. We hope that the original size, we hope that the printing press will preserve the enlargements, needless to say, were retouched. All the enlargements, needless to say, were retouched all the printing to the main photo.

SEE STORY ON 2 and 31

BLOW-UP! NOVEMBER 22, 1963 NEW FACTS ABOUT THE MARY MOORMAN PHOTO

RAYMOND MARCUS

1. Introduction
Mary Moorman, a spectator at the motorcade on November 22, was standing on the south side of Eim Street with her friend Jean Hill. She took the subject black-and-white photograph with her Polaroid camera. This photograph, in which President Kennedy is seen slumping to his left, corresponds in time to frames 314-315 of the Zapruder film.

II. Moorman Photo not presented in evidence to Warren Commission
Mary Moorman was not called

in its only appearance in the volin its only appearance in the vol-umes, is too small and indistinct to be recognized. Of the thou-sands of exhibits contained in the Volumes, slightly more than one hundred are reproduced in the Report, Exhibit 226 is the ONLY instance in which an exhibit appearing in the Report is pre-sented in less complete form in the Volumes (which became avail-able to the public two months la-ter).

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III. Moorman's experience with photo on Nov. 22.
Although Mary Moorman was not called to testify, her companion, Jean Hill, was, During her questioning in Dallas by commission counsel Arlen Specter, she furnishes some interesting information regarding what happened to them after the shots were fired. (vol. 6, p. 215). She indicates that immediately after the shooting, she ran scross Elm Street chasing a man she claims to have seen running across the grassy knoll. She testified as to what she observed when she got back:

seen running across the grassy knoll. She testified as to what she observed when she got back: "There was a man holding Mary's arm ano she was crying and he had hold of her camera trying to take it with him (James Featherstone of the Dallas Times Herald, ed.)... I found her crying and him standing there holding her camera and holding her, I mean holding her by the arm andher camera, and telling her she had to go with him, I started trying to shake his hand loose and grab the camera and elling him that 'No, we couldn't go, we had to leave,' and I guess by that time I was beginning—until then I have no conscious resting of any scaredness or excitement or anything... he insisted that we go with him and he just practically ran us... up to the court house... and put us in this little room ... we couldn't lave. He kept standing in front of the door and he would let a cameraman in or someone to interview us ... and he would tel a cameraman in or someone to interview us out," (th., p. 215-216)

to the pressroom of the court-house and later on, she continues talking about this incident)
"We didn't know it was the

"We didn't know it was the pressroom at the time, and that we didn't know we couldn't leave and because they kept standing across the door, and ... we were getting tired of it, and we wanted to leave ... and so

SOME MAN CAME IN AND OF-FERED MARY A SUM, I THINK —say—\$10,000 or something like this for this picture." (ib. p. 219.)

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"... they said, 'Don't sell the picture.' He was a representative of either Post of Life, and

WAS QUITE A BIT OF MONEY AND WE WERE GETTING PRETTY EXCITED ABOUTIT, AND MARY WAS GETTING SCARED-." Specter: Did she eventually sell the picture, by the way? Mrs. Hill: She sold the rights,

STATEMENT

I have been shown a photograph allegedlytaken by Mary Moorman at the time of President Kennedy's assassination. An open cad, allegedly showing President Kennedy immediately after he was shot, appears in the foreground. An area described as the "grassy knoll" appears in the background.

In the upper right-hand section of this photograph, there is what has been described as a cement wall, and a concrete structure described as a pergola, Behind the wall in the pergola area there appears the image of a man. I believe it is highly probably that this image indeed represents a human figure.

My observations of this image are as follows:



In my opinion the image is of a person, probably a man, light hair or partially bald, most likely with glasses on, indicated by reflections which appear as black dots. It would appear that the figure shows a head, shoulders, arms & hands, front view.

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M.I.T. Graphic Art Service

to testify by the Warren Commisto testify by the Warren Commission, despite her proximity to President Kennedy at the fatal instant. Nor was her historic photograph introduced into evidence before the Commission despite its wide publication soon after the assistation. Its only appearance in the published commission decuments is as an incidental portion of Exhibit 2426, which is an analysis of the property of the commission of Exhibit 2426, which is an analysis of the property of the prope

recognizable picture, while still

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He completed in March, 1965 his unpublished paper, "Hypotheses Re: The Zapruder Film," a detailed study which listed a series of conclusions indicating frames in this film at which bullets had struck the victims." Marcus also proved that the FBI had mis-numbered frames 314 and 315, and had presented them in reverse order. If undetected, this "error," later atmitted by J. Edgar Hoover, would have prevented proper study of the movement of President Kennedy's heed after it was struck. These findings were made available to other criticis, and provided a basis for a number of important subsequent articles, including those in Life, November 25, 1966, and Ramparts, Januarf, 1967. His discovery that Governor Connality's right shoulder dropped dramatically in Zapruder frame 238 proved that Connally had been struck by a separate bullet, and thus invalidated the Warren Commission's indispensible single bullet theory. This crucial finding, and his discovery that President Kennedy had been struck in the head almost simultaneously from two different directions, were the basis for the Saturday Evening Post's cover story, "Three Assassins Killed Kennedy," in the December 2, 1967 issue.

*JFK, 189-190, in throst; JFK, 226-227, in back; Connally, 237-238, in back; JFK, 313, in head from right front direction—subsequently amended to two shots to the head; from rear at 312-313, and from right front at 313-314.

they said, 'Don't sell that pic-ture until our representatives have contacted you or alawyer or something.'

have contacted you or a lawyer or something."
(During phone call in November 1985, Mary Moorman told David Lifton—who subsequently discovered the subject image—that it was not a representative of Post or Life who made this offer, but a Texas attorney—ed.)
"Anyway, we realized at that time we ddin't have that picture, that it had been taken from us, I mean, we had let Featherstone look at it, you know, but we told no one they could reproduce it. They said, "Would you let us look at it and see if it could be reproduced?" We said' Yes; you could look at it," we thought it was — you know, it was fuzzy and everything, but we were wanting to keep them and we suddenly realized we didn't have that picture, AND THAT.

the publishing rights of it, not the original picture, but they had already—AP and UP had picked it up because Feather-

stone stole it.

Specter: Do you know what she sold those rights for?

sold those rights for?

Hill: I think it was \$600... Anyway, when I realized we didn't
have that picture and Mary
was getting upset about thatby that time I realized we were
in a pressroom and that he had
no right to be holding us and
he had no authority and that
we could get right out of the'e,
and they kept standing in front
of the door, and I told him-I
said, "Get out." We kept asking
for our picture, and where it said, "Get out." we kept asking for our picture, and where it was, and he said, "We'll get it back—we'll get it back." And so I jerked away and ran out of the door and as I did, there was a Secret Service man, and he

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Aerial photo of Dealey Plaza, Dallas, Texas by Arthur Schatz

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man shows need for new assassination inquiry

said, "Do you have a red rain-coat?" And I said, "Yes; it's in yonder. Let me go," I was in-tent on finding someone big enough to get that picture back and I said as I walked out, "I and I said as I walked out, "I can get someone big enough to get it back for us," He said, "Does your friend have a blue raincoat?" And I said, "Yes; she's in there," Hesaid, "Here they are ..." to somebody else and they told us that they had been looking forms and had been looking for us...and so, then they took us into the police station telling him why we were in there ... why they hadn't been able to find us, because they had thought that Mary had been hit and THEY

of the Moorman phote which appeared in a locally published booklet. Behind the wall and fence on the grassy knoll he discovered what he believed to be several man-like images. Knowing of my interest in the case, he brought the booklet to me and pointed out the images, the clearest of which was designated by us as No. 5, the subject of the accompanying photo-display.

The publisher of the booklet made available to Lifton a Ben Day negative, from which enlargements were made. Lifton sent several sets of these to a number of other critics.

sent severa; sets of these to a number of other critics. V. Exchange of letters with Jo-seph Ball In May, 1965, I wrote a letter

Lifton showed the Moorman pho-tograph and enlargements to Wes-ley Liebeler, a commission coun-sel who by that time had joined the faculty at the UCLA law school Liebeler's comment regarding the images was, "Well, these are certainly going to end up in a book someday."

book someday."

VIII. Meeting with Robert Kennedy's aides
On May 16, 1967, I showed the subject Moorman image, No. 5, and also No. 2, to Frank Mankiewicz, press secretary to Sen. Robert Kennedy. The meeting took place in the Senator's Washington office, Senator Kennedy was not present, Mr. Manckiewicz indicated he believed both Nos, 2 and 5 were men. He asked me to come to his home that evening to show the photos to other members of the Kennedy staff. At the evening meeting Adam Walinsky was the only other staff member to appear. After staff member to appear. After viewing the photographs he, also, indicated his belief that the im-Res were men

IX, Itek "disproves" second-as-

sassin theory On May 18, 1967, Itek Corporation of Lexington, Massachusetts, announced that it had analyzed an announced that it had analyzed an 8-mm motion picture film taken at the motorcade by a spectator, Orville Nix, itek said the purpose of its study was to determine whether or not an image appearing above and behind the fence (on the knoll), in some of the Nix frames, was actually a man. Their conclusion was that the image was merely a light-and-shadow pattern.

tern.

A frame of the Nix film containing this extremely unconvincing image had been published in Esquire, December '66. Since no recognized critic of the Warren recognized critic of the Warren Report had claimed this image represented a human figure, and since many enlargements of the far more compelling Moorman images (No. 2, and, especially, No. 5) had circulated among interested parties for almost two years, I found it puzzling that Itek had troubled to make an analysis only of the Nix film, It seemed to me that before undertaking so costly an analysis. taking so costly an analysis,— which they claim to have done as a public service, and which they say required the full-time servi-ces of thirty skilled technical people for two months,—they would have wished to make reasonable efforts to determine what other photos of the assassination scene were available for study. They make no claim to have done so, nor are there any indications that they did.

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I phoned Itek on the morning of May 19th, I spoke to Mr. Howard Hall, public relations manager, and told him I could readily accept their finding that the Nix image which they examined was not a human figure, for that had been my own reaction when I viewed it in Eequire. I further stated that, in view of the lengthy effort they had made in their Nix analysis, I was willing to immediately make available to them the far more compelling Moorman enlargements, if they were willing to invest just thirty minutes time for a preliminary examination (I was in Boeton at the time, and therefore not far from Itek's plant in Lexington). Mr. Hall said he was very interested, that he would discuss it with some associates, and call back promptly. I received no return call.

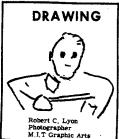
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The circumstances led me to suspect that like had examined a strawman, that its professed "public service" could be under-stood as "government service," from whom it received no less than sirty percent of its business, This impression was strengthen-ed by the heavy-headline coverage with which the madits helide the with which the media hailed the liek findings, escalating them beyond what liek itself had claim-ed, and gleefully proclaiming that liek had demolished the multiple-assassin theory and upheld the Commission's conclusions.

(A high Itek official, in re-sponse to a call from me sev-eral weeks later, acknowledged that the press had "stretched"

Itek's conclusions, However, he was unenthused by my suggestion that Itek demonstrate its good faith by issuing a press release taking exception to the media's misrepresentation of their find. ings.)



X, Leslie Midgley of CBS: To

X. Lesile Midgley of CBS: To see, or not to see? On May 22, '67, Robert Rich-ter of CBS, associate producer of the fourpart CBS Warren Re-port Special, interviewed me at length in Boston. Richter viewed the Moorman images and stated his belief firmly that No, 5 was a man. Coolies of the subreyments his belief firmly that No, 5 was a man, Copies of the enlargements were made for CBS, after viewing them seyeral days later, executive producer Leslie Midgley claimed he was unable to make out any man-like forms whatever

and responsible positions in the fields of commercial, industrial, and technical photography, stating their individual beliefs that No. 5 image was, to a high degree of probability, a man.

In all, I questioned twelve such highly qualified men. Although only four of those questioned were willing to sign statements, a total of ten said they believed that No. 5 was a man, their opinions ranging from "probable" to "positive." The remaining two said they osaid they

willing to sign statements, a total of ten said they believed that No. 5 was a man, their opinions ranging from probable* to positive.* The remaining two said they could detect no discernible shape. Among those who were "positive" of the validity of No. 5, but who retused to sign a statement, was a photo analyst employed by a leading government. He viewed the enlargements briefly and said. "You don't need an expert to tell you what" affiliated aerospace or galistation. He viewed the enlargements briefly and said. "You don't need an expert to tell you what" there—ti'va man."

The ten who recognized the image as ann described him in generally consistent terms:
Subject visible from lower chest upwards; youngish, rather than old; light to medium build, rather than heavy; belding, or with light or thinning hair; right point of his shirt collar visible clight colored); right ebow elevated and extended to his right; both hands in front, right somewhat higher than lett; straight object apparently held in hands. Two volunteered the opinion that he was wearing sunglasses, noting further that his markedly darker left elens* must have been perpendicular to a line from the camera lens, and was reflecting to light.

camera lens, and was retrecting no light.

Each individual furnishing a signed statement included in it a sketch he drew of No. 5 man. These sketches, and several drawn by those who declined to sign, were remarkably consistent in all major details.

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Note on method:
The men questioned were not told that the inquiry related to, the assassination until after voicing an opinion on No. 5; nor, therefore, were they initially shows the entire Moorman photo.

They were not asked whether they saw a man in the subject area, or in any of the enlargements; but instead were asked what, if anything, they did see, Those recognizing No. 5 as a man did so immediately, or after a few minutes study. They were then asked to describe him, and—in most cases—to sketch him.

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They were told that signed statements were desired for publication purposes. After questioning several of the individuals, I drew up a conservatively worded statement for their signature, inviting each to make any changes, celetions, or additions he deemed appropriate. In addition, more detailed data from the interviews was kept on a separate information sheet, whether or not a signed statement was obtained.

DRAWING



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been shown a photo of Meredith's assailant, taken immediately af-ter Meredith was shot, showing the gunman in the bushes. This was done merely to demonstrate the appearance of a face against a foliage background. His sub-sequent mis-identification of the

a foliage background. His subsequent mis-identification of the Moorman No. 5 man as the Meredith assailant, at a time when only the No. 5 man was visible to him, clearly demonstrated that he did see in the Moorman enlargement what he recognized as a man, despite his previous statement to the contrary).

The Moorman photo was, in fact, shown on the CBS program, but only in the very smallest version. The subject images are so tiny that they can be seen only with difficulty even whenheld before one's eyes. They were only with difficulty even whenheld easy mike Wallace flashed the picture propriate derisive commentary. No mention whatever was made of the enlargements in CBS's possession; nor, obviously, of Midgley's recognition of at least one of them as a man,

XI. Another letter to Joseph Ball lo August, '67, I wrote to Ball again, this time in my ownname, and enclosing a copy of the Moor-man photo clearly showing No. 5 man in several stages of enlargment. I asked Ball if he still believed that no one was behind the wall. No answer received to date, although a signed return re-ceipt was received proving my letter reached Ball's office.

XII, Expert opinions During September, '67, I obtained four signed statements from men with long experience

CONCLUSION

XIII, Conclusion

The Moorman photograph proves the presence of at least one man, No. 5, half hidden behind the wall on the knoll, at the time of the shooting. The published Warren Commission documents do not reveal the presence of any individual behind the wall or fence at that time, either in an official capacity or otherwise; and Joseph Bell, senior commission counsel (who identifies himself as being in charge of this area of the investigation), explicitly denies that vestigation), explicitly denies that any one was there.

vestigation), explicitly denies that any one was there.

Since the subject area of the knoll is generally consistent with that designated by most witnesses as the source of at least one shot, No. 5 man must logically be considered an important suspect. This would be true even if it were not a fact that he appears to be holding a straight object. The photograph and surrounding circumstances demonstrate graphically and powerfully the urgent need for a complete reminestigation of the assassination of President Kennedy.

View concerns upper half of body, no hat apparent—average weight or above, hands held above waist line.

Howard Tribe
Photographer
UCLA

STATEMENT

WERE LOOKING FOR THE TWO WOMEN THAT WERE STANDING RIGHT BY THE CAMERA.* Later she adds: *... we were in the pressroom it was just our ignorance, really, that was freeping us there and LETTING THE MAN INTIMIDATE US THAT HAD NO AUTHORITY.* (3b., p. 220)

(ib., p. 220) Making clear again her contention that she and Mrs. Moorman were held against their will, and by people who had no authority to do 60. Mrs. Hill further reletes

of Mrs. Hill further relates:

And I told him (Mark Lane—
Ed.) I wasn't threatened, but—
he said, 'How do you know you were held' Or something like that, and I said, 'Because I tried to leave twice, At one time I saw people I knew on the street and I was going to go down and talk to them and I went down and talk to them and I went down and they came down and they came down and they came down and they came down and they were some kind of deputy or something that came down and took me back and THEY WERE NOT PLAYING.
They meant to take me back. THEY WERE NO! PLAYING, They meant to take me back, THEY DID TAKE MY ARMS and I know I was going, be-cause I just kept standing on the corner saying, 'No; I don't want to go back yet, Please let

want to go back yet, Please let me stay down here just a little while." (th. p. 22)
Regarding Featherstone, Jean Hill says intriher:
"He said, 'You know you were wrong about seeling a manrunning,' He said, 'You didn't...'
and I said, 'But I did,' and he said, 'No, don't say that any more on the air... He said
... that the shots had come from a window up in the Depository and for me not to say any more, that I wan wrong about it... and so I just didn't say any more that I ran across the street to see the man," (th., p. 222)
(Featherstone was not called to

(Featherstone was not called to testify by the commission. In : elephone conversation with David ifton during November, '6 eatherstone revealed that in the reatherstone revealed that in the three hours or so in which the photograph was out of the hands of Mary Moorman, it had been sent up to the Dallas Times-Herald—ed.)

IV. Lifton discovers man-like images in Moorman photo
In May of 1965 David Lifton. who at that time was a graduate engineering student at UCLA, carefully studied a reproduction

to Joseph A, Ball, senior counsel for the Warren Commission, saking if he had heard of *speculation* that one or more men had been observed secreted behind the wall on the knoll immediately prior to the shots; and whether or not any evidence was produced to support such *speculation.* I made no reference to the photograph. (I employed a pseudonym in my letter in order to eliminate the possibility that he might not respond to a critic). Ball replied, stating that, *I have heard of speculation that there were men secreted behind the wall on the grassy knoll just before shooting of the President, but I have no evidence to support such a claim.

Earlier, while participating in a Los Angeles television program in February. *e5, Ball responded negatively to a newsman*s inquiry as to the possibility of shots coming from the grassy knoll. He said: *That happens to be the part or the investigation of which!

Ball: "That happens to be the part or the investigation of which I had charge ... There were no people there. Most of the peo-ple were down watching the pa-rade."

The newsman persisted, "You are

The newsman persisted, "You are satisfied, then,... that the grassy knoll theory as the hiding place of the assassin was totally false." and Ball answered emphatically, "Well, we ran down every possible lead, we examined every witness who indicated that they thought the shots might have come from that direction, and we found no substantial evidence at all from which you could draw that conclusion." A search of the Warren Re-

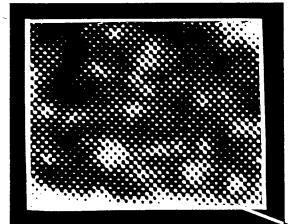
A search of the Warren Report and Volumes fails to re-veal any indication that anyone was assigned to the subject area in an official capacity.

VI. Senator Robert Kennedy res-

ponds in August, '65, I mailed sets of the enlargements with other related data and notes to several dozen individuals around the country (primarily, to other cri-tics and news media representa-tives). One such packet was sent to Senator Robert Kennedy, I re-ceived a reply from Senator Ken-nedy in which nedy in which he acknowledged receipt of the material, and ex-pressed appreciation for my interest."

VII, Liebeler's Reaction On Tuesday, November 30, '65,

WHO IS THIS MAN?



WHAT IS THE STRAIGHT OBJECT HE APPEARS TO BE HOLDING?

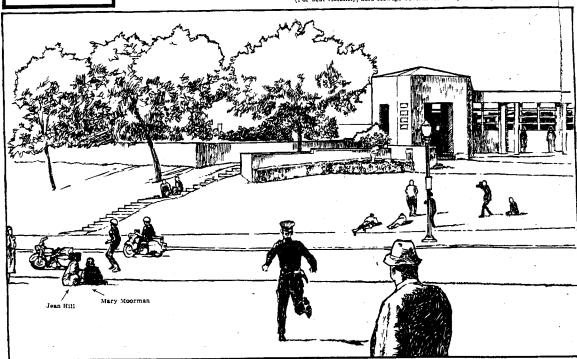


ARTIST'S SKETCH

WHY IS HE ON THE **GRASSY KNOLL** HALF HIDDEN BEHIND THE WALL AT THE TIME **PRESIDENT** KENNEDY WAS SHOT?

WHY DOES WARREN COMMISSION COUNSEL JOSEPH BALL SAY NO ONE WAS BEHIND THE WALL OR PICKET FENCE?

(For best visibility, hold blowups several feet away until dot pattern just disappears)



The above is an exact artist's copy of a photograph taken by Wilma Bond seconds after the shooting in Dallas on November 22, 1963. The photo appears in Life Magazine for November 24, 1967 (page 95) but could not be reprinted here for legal reasons.

The artists copy is shown here because it provides a clear perspective of what Mary Moorman photographed on that fateful day. As Indicated, the Bond photo

pictures Mrs. Moorman herself and her friend Jean Hill sitting on the grass at left foreground. The sequence of Bond photos in the current issue of Life Migazine also shows people running to the grassy knoll, although the Warren Commission denies that any shots were fired at the President from there.

The man seen in the Moorman photo behind the wall several seconds earlier is no longer visible.