

Insert on Posner's representation that Failure Analysis work was for him.

Where Posner did not actually say or represent that the Failure Analysis work was done for him <sup>always</sup> he gave that impression ~~all the time~~. Where others drew the conclusion he intended, that the work was done for him, and said so, Posner never once told the truth, never corrected any of those who, based on what they read in his book, did say or give the impression he intended, that in fact that work was for him and for his book.

In an <sup>or</sup> earlier coast-to-coast TV appearance, on ~~CNN-K~~ CNN's September 3, 1993 "Crossfire" show, a show that had him back time after time, the show's moderator said that work was done for his book. Mike Kinsey's words are not susceptible of any other viewer interpretation:

"Posner's ~~new evidence~~ most important new evidence is a computerized enhancement of the famous Zapruder film."

The audience was told it was Posner's evidence, not ~~the~~ Failure Analysis'.

<sup>He did not correct Kinsey</sup>  
Posner was merely silent. An honest man would have told the truth. But Posner did not go to all that trouble in his book to give the impression that the work was his, was done for him, only to blow it coast-to-coast. (CNN Transcript #913)

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ANNOUNCER: Live from Washington, Crossfire. On the left, Mike Kinsley. On the right, John Sununu. Tonight, The Kennedy Case. In the crossfire, Gerald Posner, author of Case Closed; and pathologist Cyril Wecht, Professor at the  
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University of Pittsburgh.

MIKE KINSLEY: Good evening. Welcome to Crossfire. It's 30 years since President John F. Kennedy was shot and killed by someone in Dallas, Texas. Suspects over the years have included the mob, the CIA, the FBI, the KGB, LBJ, or in moviemaker Oliver Stone's operatic scenario, nearly all of them. Now comes a new book to bring the argument full circle. Case Closed, by our guest Gerald Posner, argues that the killer was none other than Lee Harvey Oswald acting alone, no conspiracy, just as the Warren Commission said years ago. Posner's most important new evidence is a computerized enhancement of the famous Zapruder film. It confirms, or so he says, the so-called single bullet theory, that one bullet shot from the School Book Depository hit both Kennedy and John Connally, but is the case closed? The government just released 800,000 pages of previously secret documents about the Kennedy assassination, but the CIA withheld some 160,000 pages more. Fortunately for viewers of Crossfire, we're going to settle this thing once and for all right here. John?

JOHN SUNUNU: Gerald Posner, before we give you a chance to lay out how you come to your conclusions, let me ask you. Don't you feel unfashionably out of step writing a book that supports the Warren Commission? Conventional wisdom has it that you've got to have a complicated conspiracy theory to sell a JFK book.

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GERALD POSNER, Author, 'Case Closed': You're absolutely right, John. As a matter of fact, I remember when I went back to Random House and I said, after about a year and a half of doing this, I think that you can draw definite conclusions in this book, and they said, 'Yes, and the answer is?' And I said, the answer is, Oswald alone, and there was this moment, where I could tell from my publisher, they weren't quite sure that they were happy that I'd gone off and done this work and come back with this answer. Once they realized it wasn't a rehash of the Warren Commission, that I disagreed with the commission, and there was new evidence, then they finally got enthusiastic when they saw the manuscript, but you're right. It is out of step. I can't believe 30 years later this is the most controversial position.

SUNUNU: All right, tell us quickly, but tell us exactly what the most important steps and the conclusions you drew were.

Mr. POSNER: It's a matter of public record.

Dr. WECHT: -in your book, Mr. Posner. It's a shame, because you are an intelligent, experienced writer. You could have done a job instead of preparing a prosecutor's brief. That's what you have done. Your book is a prosecutor's brief. It is the best such brief thus far presented, but it is not complete, and therefore, sir, it is intellectually dishonest.

SUNUNU: Now that you've been damned with faint praise, Mr. Posner, let me ask you a question. Can you tell us what you found out about Lee Harvey Oswald that you said was probably the most important thing.

Dr. WECHT: Absolutely, the most important thing to me, Governor, was the discovery from the KGB files. The KGB had surveillance on Oswald around the clock for nearly two years while he was in Minsk. They were afraid he was an American sleeper agent. You know, he had tried to kill himself when he was in Moscow. Then two Soviet psychiatrists interviewed him and their reports are in  
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the KGB file. They conclude he's mentally unstable, but the KGB said, 'You know, maybe he's just pretending to be crazy and he's really an agent.' So they kept watching him all the time. You know what they conclude in the end? This fellow didn't even know the fundamentals of how to repair his radio when it broke at home. He had no intelligence contacts whatsoever, and they viewed him as so unstable that no intelligence agency in any country would use him. That's-

SUNUNU: Well, how does that-

Dr. WECHT: He got smarter, he got a lot smarter as the years went by.

SUNUNU: Mr. Posner, when-

Dr. WECHT: And he was able to effectuate the assassination of the President, despite the fact that he was in Russia he was a total dunce, and by the way, according to KGB agent Nosenko, one of Mr. Posner's reliable persons, as of last week on another television program, 'Lee Harvey Oswald could not hit a rabbit with a shotgun.' He became also an expert marksman, Mr. Posner, in that couple of years' time, right?

SUNUNU: But, Mr. Posner, when and why did he decide to kill the President?

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Mr. POSNER: He had a mixture of politics, Governor, half communism and half anarchism. He hated authority. He wanted to throw a cog into the machinery of government, and his mark for history was going to be the death of General Edwin Walker, the man who was removed from his NATO command by President Kennedy for distributing right-wing literature to his troops. He had shot-

KINSLEY: OK.

Mr. POSNER: He had shot at him-

Dr. WECHT: Whom he missed, whom he missed as a stationary target in his backyard.

Mr. POSNER: He got President Kennedy as a target of opportunity.

KINSLEY: But, Mr. Posner, the stuff you've been saying for the past few minutes does not carry with it the same kind of scientific, 'We've got the fix in, this is definite' authority that you've been positing for your-

Mr. POSNER: Right. No, but, Mike-

Mr. POSNER: -I must tell you that I personally believe that the most important part of the book is not the chapter on the single bullet, but is the first half of the book which deals with Oswald's life, because-

KINSLEY: Yeah, but just listening to you, it's not as convincing.

Mr. POSNER: No, no, but it is more convincing in this sense, it incrementally builds over 300 pages, a portrait of Oswald and a psychological portrait-

KINSLEY: All right, if you're going to sell your book, I think we ought to give Dr. Wecht a chance.

Dr. WECHT: And it builds and it builds Lee Harvey Oswald's anarchism and pro-socialism, communism, whatever it is, and this man sets it all up, and guess what, he kills the President after planning this all this time, and then he stands up and says, 'I didn't do it, not me, somebody else did it.' Come on now what, are you kidding? You don't have to be-

Mr. POSNER: Dr. Wecht-

Dr. WECHT: You don't have to be a Freudian psychoanalyst to understand the  
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absurdity of your theory.

Mr. POSNER: All you have to do-

Dr. WECHT: My God, a guy like that stands up and says, 'Mea culpa, I did it, I did it. I'm a hero. I saved the world. I killed this terrible man.'

Mr. POSNER: Dr. Wecht, all I suggest you do is go back and talk to Marina Oswald and-

Dr. WECHT: I've talked to Marina personally several times, and I know what Marina thinks of your book and about you, OK. So I have talked with Marina.

Mr. POSNER: Please go back and talk to Marina Oswald and his friends Ruth and Michael Paine [sp?] who knew Lee Oswald better than anybody else, and what will they say? He looked like the cat who had swallowed the canary. He was bursting with pride and he knew now that he was going to have the fun of being able to make everybody sweat about who killed JFK.

Dr. WECHT: You're going now by facial expressions, which, of course, which is what the U.S. News and World Report did, too.

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KINSLEY: I've got to cut you off.

Dr. WECHT: The smirk on Oswald proved to that magazine-

KINSLEY: All right. Dr. Wecht, thank you very much. Mr. Posner, thank you very much. Was John Sununu on the Grassy Knoll? We'll deal with that important question in just a moment.

[Commercial break]

KINSLEY: John, we're not all buffs like these two gentlemen, but we do all have a little bit of a theory. What is your theory?

SUNUNU: I still believe in the single gunman, single bullet theory. I think the computer enhancements are a step forward. I think the psychological analysis of