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Secret Service Peculiar About JFK's Death,

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FREDONIA — The actions of the Secret Service and the Dallas Police Department were anything but ordinary on the day John F. Kennedy was assassinated, said researchers who gathered at the State College at Fredonia this past weekend.

The Third Decade Research Conference brought together about 60 researchers, along with their facts and theories, of the Nov. 22, 1963, assassination. The conference was organized by Fredonia State professor Jerry Rose, Rose serves as editor and publisher of *The Third Decade*, a research journal for assassination investigators.

Vincent Palamara of Pittsburgh was one of the researchers who linked the Secret Service and the Dallas Police Department to the crime, based on those agencies' unorthodox behavior that day.

Palamara said Kennedy's motorcade in Dallas varied distinctly from the ones the previous days in Houston and San Antonio. In both those cities, Ken-

edy's motorcade was lined with local police motorcycles on both sides, as well as Secret Servicemen positioned in the vicinity, he said.

But the Dallas motorcade had little local police involvement — including the sheriff telling his men not to participate — and questionable actions by the officers who were involved, Palamara said.

When the motorcade reached the corner of Houston and Elm streets, one of the two lead motorcycles continued straight on Houston Street instead of making the turn onto Elm Street, Palamara said.

But Palamara said this was not nearly as peculiar as the actions of one of the Secret Service's top agents, William Greer. Palamara said the actions of Greer, a 29-year veteran who was driving Kennedy's car, were peculiar to say the least.

He showed a slowed-down version of the film taken by bystander Abraham Zapruder, which shows the brake lights of Kennedy's car were on after the initial

shot was fired. Greer does not speed the car up until after two more shots are fired.

He also takes two looks back at Kennedy before having the car flee the scene.

Palamara contended a well-trained agent such as Greer should have accelerated the car from the scene after the initial shot. He added that while an initial look by Greer may have been a typical human response, he questions the reasoning behind the second glance.

Palamara also pointed out the agents in the car trailing Kennedy never reacted to the gunshots. These trailing agents also were the only ones in Dallas, so the surrounding buildings and grounds were not secured, as is standard practice.

Also, several of these agents got drunk the night before, Palamara said. But this was covered up the next day and the agents were never disciplined, he said.

Palamara also noted how the motorcade route was changed just before it departed so that it would have to travel through Dealey Plaza.

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Also, at the time the shots were fired, the car was violating two Secret Service rules — of taking a turn of more than 90 degrees (the car took a 120-degree turn onto Elm Street) and traveling at less than 33 mph (the car was going 11 mph), Palamara said.

Rose agreed with Palamara: "I suggest, on the basis of intensive, multiple research, that the Dallas Police Department had to have had pre-knowledge of the fact that there was to be an assassination."

Palamara also discussed the possibility Kennedy was fired upon from the two sewers located about 30 feet in front of the car, and above the level of the car.

He said many witnesses have said they smelled smoke at street level, and he said smoke from guns fired from the sewer would explain that.

He also mentioned a film that shows a local officer dragging his motorcycle in front of one of the sewers after the shots had been fired, instead of immediately reacting to the shots, as Palamara thinks would have been standard practice.