

Dear Kevin,

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I've read the acoustics and other testimony of that day and found it all interesting and quite worthwhile. Many thanks. I did not detect the witness not called that day. Nor did I see this on the list. Was it not listed but planned, or was it planned and not listed because scratched earlier?

I got the distinct impression that Barger believes the probability of the fourth shot is higher than he testified.

The committee's abdications are conspicuous. They dropped it here and I believe will depend on the autopsy and related testimony to say it means nothing.

If all the autopsy, etc testimony were true, as it is not, there would still be supporting proof of at least a fourth shot. This is known and the committee ignored it. Not just Tagus.

The testimony is void on efforts to locate the motorcycle cop and on any explanation of how the mike switch could have been jammed innocently. (My limited experience with these is that they are spring loaded and return to off when not pressed open or on.)

The record is barren on what pictures Barger and his panel were given in an effort to locate the cop. And, of course, nobody ever heard of examining the Commission's records on cop assignments or asking the cooperative DFB if it even investigated or could provide relevant information now. Houston St. pix used? DCA?

If you learn any more about this please let me know. I know someone in Dallas who may be interested and in a position to do something. I'm sending excerpts, when I have time.

For coincidence this is remarkable. The mike is jammed on less than three minutes before the crime and magically is no longer jammed about the same time after the shooting. And no interest- anytime by any official. By a cop who had it all in view.

This is certainly within the committee's mandate, which is limited to how the agencies functioned, etc. It has no right to investigate killings per se.

It is, I think, the kind of comprehensible thing for which we may have later use.

And it most assuredly is indication of conspiracy as the nut theories are not. But look at all the put-down time wasted on nut theories.

It certainly is more of a conspiracy lead that Trafficante, who they could not connect with Oswald even by dreaming and could not connect with Ruby either.

For possible uses in court cases prior to the printing of transcripts these days appear to be of greatest likelihood: Paden's, Guinn's (226) and Hart and Helms (1448). As I told you, both lied and both omitted the relevant. Really the essential. This should give you a reading on the counsel other than Blakey.

Of the exhibits made public one that appears to be of probable court value is the IG's report on Nosenko. Nosenko information is at issue in one of the cases. Of course all exhibits related to the testimony listed about have potential court usefulness. Some of the executive session transcripts were used at the hearings and were in the hands of the NFR crew, which quoted from them on the air.

Again thanks. Hope we see you before your trip west. If there is anything else I have a dental appointment on the 16th in DC and a ride to and from it. With Dr. Meyer Silverman, Chesterfield Apts., Wisc. and Macomb.

Best,