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It is clear that what Dr. Shaw here says is that he "always felt" that a "separate" bullet struck the Governor, fragmented, and a fragment of it went into his left thigh.

So your citation of authentication of the Report is doubly destructive of your argument in that a) the bullet did not, as the report requires, go through the President; and b) it fragmented instead of remaining intact.

Over and above all of this, as I earlier informed you, this answer was an response to a question about a hypothesis. I state again, if you desire further authentication of any of the statements I have made to you, you need only call upon me for it and whatever time it requires I will invest. You may recall that in our yesterday's conversation I suggested one of two procedures to clearly establish the facts: a) that Mr. Willens prove me wrong, or b) prove himself right with direct quotations and citations. This challenge still stands.

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