

Dear Harold,

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I thought you would be interested to see the news coverage which you received in Madison. Once again, keep up the good work and thank you for sharing your ideas with us in what is the beginning of a "rebuilding" of our society.

Robert sends his regards and we both wish you and your wife the very best.

Sincerely,

David A. Berger

# Author Attacks Warren Report

By JIM CARLSON  
Cardinal Staff Writer

The Warren Commission report on the assassination of President Kennedy has been questioned and proven wrong until "there is nothing left of it," Harold Weisberg told a crowd of about 600 at the Union Theater Monday.

The report named Lee Harvey Oswald as the sole assassin, and said that he shot the president from the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository. There is "reason to believe" that Oswald was, at the time of the shooting, on the first floor of that building, Weisberg said.

He said a picture taken by an Associated Press photographer, James W. Altgens, shows Oswald standing in the doorway of the depository, while the commission reported

that the man in the doorway was Billy Nolan Lovelady, who bears a striking resemblance to Oswald.

Weisberg, who has written two books on the Warren report, said the FBI report showing Lovelady dressed as he was at the time of the assassination does not show him to be the man in the doorway.

The pictures of Oswald after he was taken to the Dallas police department bear a closer resemblance to the man, in the doorway, than the man in the doorway, Weisberg said.

Weisberg said the deaths 10 to 15 of people concerned or in some way involved with the assassination have been overly coincidental. He said he was a good friend of Penn Jones Jr., the editor of a weekly newspaper near Dallas, who has uncovered a great deal of information about these deaths.

He said his wife was told by Jones that "Ruby only has a few days," referring to Jack Ruby, the accused slayer of Oswald, who has been held in jail since November of 1963.

Ruby was recently moved from jail to the hospital where both Kennedy and Oswald died. Ruby reportedly is suffering from a bad cold, mild pneumonia, and possibly

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## Whitewash Author

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cancer.

Weisberg and his wife have spent "about 22,000 hours" investigating the Warren Commission report, the 26 volumes of supplemental material, and other records in the National Archives in Washington.

He is one of several authors who have investigated the facts presented in the Warren report and have pointed out discrepancies in it.

The report said the time span of the actual shooting was five seconds, but Weisberg said he has recently discovered that the shooting took only 3.5 seconds.

Whereas one man could possibly fire three shots from a rifle like the one Oswald used in five seconds, it would be impossible in 3.5 seconds, so there must have been more than one assas-

sin, Weisberg said.

His discovery came after studying the film of the assassination taken by Abraham Zapruder and the evidence recorded in the Warren report, he said.

A re-enactment of the assassination done by the FBI and reported in the Warren report resulted in an interval of 3.5 rather than five seconds.

Weisberg said the original timing of the shooting was accomplished by using the film taken by the amateur photographer Zapruder.

The error in timing occurred because Zapruder made a simple mistake, Weisberg said.

"I've done it myself when taking movies—he set the camera on fast speed," he said.

Asked how he thought the assassination really occurred he said, "I can tell you how it happened—the way the commission didn't say."

*In Reports to Warren Commission***Probe Critic Sees a 'Coverup'**

By **RAYMOND MERLE**  
(Of The State Journal Staff)

Harold Weisberg, a critic of the Warren Commission report on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, charged here Monday that commission members "were fed pre-digested pabulum" by the Secret Service and FBI.

The author of "Whitewash—the Report on the Warren Report" said his purpose was not to find fault with commission members, whom he lauded for their work, but said "we want the truth."

"When we have anything to do with the assassination of a President, we are going right to the guts of society," Weisberg declared, in an interview describing the commission report as a "monstrous miscarriage."

**Second Book Out**

Weisberg said his first book showed that there was a "whitewash," and his second, "Whitewash II—the FBI-Secret Service Coverup," which first appeared last week, is an updating of the first and shows that "there are some things beyond question."

He gave a lecture at the Wisconsin Union theater Monday night.

Weisberg had both books published by himself because he said publishers "were afraid" of them. The second, he said, is almost entirely based on the files in the National Archives.

"Too many materials are not available. I would say about one-third approximately are still secret. Responsible for covering up the files are the FBI and Secret Service," Weisberg declared.

"The question is how consequential some of these reports are. You have a question of selection there."

**Claims Picture Cropped**

Specifically, Weisberg



HAROLD WEISBERG—"... we want the truth"

—State Journal Photo

sembling Lee Harvey Oswald was standing in the first-floor doorway of the Texas state book depository building.

The commission report concluded that Mr. Kennedy was killed by three shots fired by Oswald from the sixth floor of the building.

"Oswald could have not been simultaneously a sixth-floor assassin and a first-floor observer," Weisberg said in a caption for a picture in his second book. The picture shows the man resembling Oswald, and Weisberg asks if it is Billy Nolan Lovelady or Oswald.

Lovelady, an employe in the depository building, told FBI agents he was standing in the doorway at the time of the assassination.

#### 'Road Stripes Painted Out'

Weisberg also said that in an aerial photo used in the commission report, the road stripes were "painted out" because the pictures would have destroyed the report.

"This proves the President was not where the FBI placed him

during the assassination, and was first shot when the tree blocked him from the sixth-floor window."

He said "Secret Service reconstruction of positions of the presidential car" at the time of the first, second, and third shots, "like the FBI's, says Gov. (John) Connally was hit by a separate bullet.

"This denies the basic conclusion of the report," and proves that four shots were fired and there had to be two assassins, Weisberg said.

"I think there is a fair assumption that the photography (used in the commission report) is less than complete." He said some of the photographs were used for "ulterior motives."

Weisberg reiterated that his purpose was "to get things cleared up," and said in regard to the commission report — "least of the fault goes to the commission." He said he is in debt financially because of the books.

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charged that the picture of the Presidential motorcade taken by Associated Press newsman James W. Altgens was published in a cropped version in the commission report.

Weisberg said he later obtained the original negative of that picture, which when enlarged, showed that a man re-

House reporter, who was "only a few hundred feet from Mr. Kennedy when he was shot," criticized critics of the Warren report in a recent news story.

He said of Weisberg's first book:

"Weisberg seems to be more of a zealous pamphleteer than a meticulous analyst. It is amazing that his book has received serious consideration.

"On the first page, he is wrong about the weather on the day of the assassination and wrong about the makeup of the motorcade. With this for openers, it becomes difficult to accept some of Weisberg's other material."

## Claims 'New Evidence'

# Cover-Up Charged In Assassination By Author Here

By GARY RETTGEN

(Of The Capital Times Staff)

Lee Harvey Oswald was on the first floor of the Texas Book Depository building, not on the sixth floor, when President Kennedy was assassinated, it was claimed here today.

Harold Weisburg, author of "Whitewash: The Report on the Warren Commission," was in Madison to publicize what he asserts is an FBI-Secret Service "coverup" of evidence.

Claiming he has been losing money on his books on the assassination, Weisburg held a press conference at the Memorial Union, where he asserted that he has "starting new information."

The author said he bases his claims on photo blowups of a man who resembles Oswald standing in the book building's doorway, seconds after Kennedy, in the picture's foreground, was struck by the fatal bullet.

The shirt Oswald wore upon his arrest, says Weisburg, looks more like the shirt of the "unidentified" man in the doorway, than the one worn by the man the FBI produced.

Weisburg showed the press photos from FBI files of Billy Nolan Lovelady, a book building employe, who said he was standing in the doorway at the moment shots were fired, as an Associated Press photographer, James W. Altgens, snapped a photo across the street.

The FBI photos show Lovelady in the shirt he claimed he wore on Nov. 22. The shirt is short-sleeved, with stripes.

Weisburg's blowup of the man in the doorway appears, in the Altgens photo, to be wearing a long sleeved shirt of a fuzzy, speckled pattern.

The author's main evidence is a headless photo of Oswald taken after his arrest wear-

ing a dark, crisscrossed patterned shirt with long sleeves.

"This photo was suppressed from the Warren Commission," Weisburg said.

He admitted that he had no difficulty in conducting much of his research in the National Archives, and that "The people who run it are dedicated and assisted me in every way they could."

"But there is too much information that is not available to the public," he said. Weisburg estimated that about one-third of the 300 cubic feet of documents and photographs is under lock and key.

"I'm not blaming the Warren Commission alone for excluding such evidence from their report. I'm questioning the selectivity of the FBI and the Secret Service in what information they chose to make available to the 'commission,'" he asserted.

Weisburg picked up the blowup of the AP photo of the Kennedy car parade past the book store.

"Fifty per cent of this picture was cropped off in the commission report," he said, measuring a portion of the photo showing other buildings, the windows and fire escapes filled with people.

"It shows the Secret Service men near Kennedy, after the president was struck, looking about calmly, as though on a picnic. But the vice-presidents car door is open, as though they know something happened — I'm not saying anything sinister, but I think that people could find something sinister in it. I think these things should have been more closely examined."

Weisburg will speak tonight on his new book, "Whitewash II," at a free program at 8 p.m. in the Wisconsin Union Theater.



Harold Weisburg, a critic of the Warren report on the Kennedy assassination, today showed what he said was "new evidence" that Harvey Lee Oswald was on the ground floor when the death rifle was fired. Author of two books on the Warren Report, Weisburg's new book is "Whitewash II—The FBI-Secret Service Coverup." He will speak tonight at the Wisconsin Union Theater at 8. (Staff Photo by Tom Barlet)