

Dear Mr. Amundson,

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Thanks for your letter of the 14th and good luck with your book.

You can't use the Altgens picture without AP's permission. They have two prices for it, one for study, the other for what is called one-time use. If you really want to get it you might try writing them that if they do not sell you a copy you'll reprint from a published copy with an explanation of their refusal to sell permission.

Oswald in New Orleans is out of print. If there are any other copies I'd like to get them.

A price list of the other books is enclosed.

Your account of your experiences would probably interest Prof. David Wrona, History Department, University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point, Wisc., 54481. I think ^{would} he appreciate copies of what records you have of your efforts and treatment.

You are lucky Blakey ignored you. When he didn't it was for a putdown to which no rebuttal or response was possible.

On your theory of a communications system, which is a variant of several other such theories, a caution: was any communications system really necessary; and if it was, was it worth the risk entailed?

My own belief is that it would have been an unnecessary complication.

The 1.66 time is, of course, nonsense. Blakey and Co. got that by merely operating the bolt, not shooting at a target, and with an overhauled gun.

By offset it is possible to reprint a printed picture. All those in Whitewash, the first book, are reprinted from the 26 volumes. The offset camera can remove the photoengraving screen as well as add it.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Since the shooting of Larry Flynt and the subsequent publication of his L.A. Free Press Special Report ("JFK Murder Solved") early in 1978, I have joined the ranks of the Warren Commission critics; another "hot-eyed assassination buff" in the words of Tom Wicker of the New York Times (HE was convinced there was no conspiracy within one hour of the arrest of Lee Harvey Oswald).

I had not read any material critical of the Warren Report prior to reading the Flynt paper (nor had I read the report). Since reading that paper, I have read everything I could get my hands on in Missoula, Montana (I think, by far, that your first book has historically been the most important and definitive one. I have not read the others).

As a result of this exercise, I became convinced that Oswald indeed was innocent and framed, there was more than one assassin, and the government covered up the truth (as they continue to do). I made several inquiries about some specific questions I had, and the result was typical.

I have been lied to by the Director of the FBI, recieved angry and impolite correspondence from Prof. G. Robert Blakey, and Ambassador Mike Mansfield told me he did not know where I could turn for help. I wrote to the White House, and all this got me was a visit by the Secret Service. Agent Lynn Meredith of the Great Falls office came twice, but his purpose was not to find out what specific evidence I had discovered, but to discourage me, get angry with me about what I had concluded, and to find out if I had any weapons in my house. Then he told me that the White House wanted a photograph of me. I consented out of curiosity, and he took seven pictures with a Poloroid camera with a flash attachment. Strangely, his visit took place two days after someone attempted to photograph me through a window at night. Mr. Meredith was at the White House when the President was shot. He was the agent in charge of the security of the Kennedy children, the "kiddie detail" as he put it. He had no comment about the automobile chase involving Caroline and the agent on the day of the assassination. (See "The Death of a President" pp. 61, 579)

At the outset of my belated "revelation" that things were not as I had been led to believe about the assassination, I began an intensive study of what evidence there was available to me, and as a result, I discovered some surprising and disturbing things which have never been brought out before, at least not in print (In "Whitewash" you were on the right track concerning the question as to why the right-hand portion of the Altgens photo had

not been included in the W.R. Even the Archives print has the right-hand portion cropped off. On Dec. 19, 1979, Clarence F. Lyons, Jr., Chief of the Judicial and Fiscal Branch, Civil Archives Div. wrote and told me, "The records of the Warren Commission do not contain . . . a complete border-to-border print of the Altgens photograph") Some of the discoveries have to do with data in the Altgens photo, and you were correct. There IS important information in the right-hand portion of the picture that the government does not want people to look at and understand. It is fortunate that the complete picture was printed by the A.P. and yourself before the government could do anything about it. As I am sure you know, the print of this picture I recieved from the Archives was cropped (at least now I understand why). The right one-fourth of the picture contains some of the most important information in the picture, information critical to a full understanding of the conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy.

I won't go into detail at this time, but I believe I have found strong and corraberated evidence that signal mirrors were used during the shooting by at least two different persons in at least two seperate locations at the same time (what I have found, I am convinced, is beyond the realm of mere speculation). I have found what I believe is indicative of not two gunmen, not three, but perhaps as many as seven, though not all did any shooting (this may sound far-fetched, but actually it makes sense, and is supported by the evidence). I also have strong reason to believe that the reason the President's guards did not react (which they did not do. They froze.), was because it was communicated to them that there were in fact other guns trained on them during the shooting (any one of the agents should have been able to sprint 100 yards in the time span of the shots - and as you have pointed out, L.B.J.'s guards reacted quite quickly - perhaps too quickly). In any case, I conveyed this material to Prof. Blakey during the House investigation. There is no comment, and what I presented is not in the report. There was not even an attempt to refute what I had suggested.

Because of all this, and because I was not allowed to present any of this to anyone (through "stonewalling"), out of frustration, I began the task of preparing a manuscript. I have never written a book before, so I am gratified that I have about 100,000 words prepared, and am about two-thirds finished. I don't know whether I'll get it published or not, but I sincerely hope so.

I have carefully studied the House Select Committee on Assassinations Report, and it is clear that the precedent set by the Warren Commission has been continued in the report. The truth is still being covered up (enough cannot be said about that). At the very least, it is a small consolation that Prof. Blakey, in his introduction, had the courage to state that the report was "understated", and that ". . . there would be an opportunity for others to fill in the details". And at least he made it clear that it could not and must not be the "Final Report" as was asserted by Bantam Books and Tom Wicker (a totally unethical attempt at deception through the use of "misinformation"). It is interesting

that Mr. Blakey stated, ". . . some members of the committee were not willing to carry the conclusions out to the full force of the evidence". What kind of a Congressional investigation was it that would be so compromised? And what kind of influences caused the members of the committee to be so afraid?

According to the data in the committee's own report, had the first shot actually exited the President's throat, the shot could not have come from the sixth floor window as they claim, but would have to have come from the second or third floor of the Dal-Tex Building behind the fire escape. The single bullet theory is still untenable, and so is the "neuro-spasm theory" (the back shot displaced and fractured the first thoracic vertebra. Such a blow to the spinal cord at that point most assuredly would have caused instant paralysis from that point on down the spine. The legs and trunk could not have functioned at all - even if the brain sent a jolted message downward at the instant of the head shot). Perhaps the most incredible claim of the report is that Oswald fired the first two shots within 1.66 seconds. That, of a certainty, is impossible.

But this purpose in my writing is not to write you a book, or try to point out anything of which I am sure you are already fully aware. I admire your work, I found your address, so I wanted to write to let you know that others are joining in the ongoing conflict.

I have read only your first book, and have just found a copy of "Oswald in New Orleans" (paperback). Your other books are not available in Missoula. I understand that the others are available directly from you. Could you possibly send me the prices? Are all of your books available in hard cover?

I don't know if you can help me or not, but I am still trying to obtain a full, clear print of the James Altgens photo. Is there a possible way you could help me obtain a full print? The A.P., thus far have refused to sell me a copy. I fully intend to publish my book, and I would appreciate any advice you could give me. If I do, I'll send you a copy. If not, I'll send you a manuscript copy if I am able. Thank you for your time, and thank you for your most important contributions to the cause of truth and justice.

Two thousand years ago, a man called Jesus said, "For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known". His words are the reason for my hope, and the reason for my assurance that they will be fulfilled.

Sincerely Yours,



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