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(CODE: C= Bill Gill, ABC White House corres.  
D= Sam Donaldson, ABC Capitol Hill corres.  
C= John Connally)

D: Governor, and Bill, may I change the subject? We are about to run out of time.

It is a sad 38 day to recall nine years ago in Dallas, but this week the coroner of Pittsburgh looked through the Archives of the Kennedy assassination. Once again has (sic?) raised the idea that there was more than one man firing at the limousine in which you were seated. What is your view in perspective now that you have had about nine years to think about it?

C: Mr. Donaldson, I can't know. I don't have any reason to believe there was more than one. I have never seen any creditable evidence that would indicate there was more than one assassin. And until someone comes forward with some substantial evidence, then I think all this speculation is purely that; it is speculation.

D: Do you think it will continue, however, in the light of the fact that according to the coroner there are certain items missing from the archives?

C: I think that as long as men read the history of that tragic day there will be differences of opinion; there will be efforts by some to raise questions about whether or not there was a conspiracy; whether or not there were more people involved than the one man. This is an understandable human endeavor.

D: Looking back at that time, you expressed some doubts a few years ago, I believe, that only one man could have done it.

C: Well, obviously, if one man did it--and I really think one man did it from all that I know about it--he was an expert at handling that rifle, no question about it, because he got off three shots in a remarkably short period of time.

D: Do you think that the tightening up that we now have for the presidential candidates is sufficient?

C: Not sufficient to protect the President or any public figure when he is out among the people. If there is a deliberate determined assassin, he can reach the President or a public figure regardless of the type of protection you try to give. I give you George Wallace as a recent example.

D: Will this be in your mind, Governor, as you campaign this year?

C: Oh, sure.

D: Thank you very much, Governor Connally, I am sorry to interrupt but our time is up. Thank you for being with us on ISSUES AND ANSWERS.

NOTE: This is the full extent of what was said about the assassination on the program.