

MULTIPLE SHOOTING - MOVING TARGET Bol Air, Md. May 19 and 20, 1967 H.P. White Lab. range

Shooters and results:

1. Al Sherman, Maryland State Trooper
5.0 seconds - 2 hits in silhouette, 1 low
6.0 " - 2 hits, 1 high (1st 2 shots
in 2.2 seconds)

-- no time; jammed at third cartridge
5.2 seconds - 1 hit, two low
5.0 seconds - 1 hit, 2 upper left

2. Don George, Maryland State Trooper
-- no time; jammed after 2nd shot; 3rd
fired very late
-- no time; 3rd bullet jammed
4.9 seconds - 2 hits, 1 upper right

3. John Concini, Maryland State Trooper
-- 6.7 seconds - not sure of hits
5.4 seconds - 1 hit, 2 just low

4. Howard Bonahus, weapons engineer
-- no time - second bullet jammed
(bolt too quick)
-- no time - jam after 1st shot
(again too quick)
5.2 seconds - 3 hits grouped in head
area (BEST TARGET)

5. Wm. Fitchett, sporting goods dealer
6.5 seconds - 3 borderline hits, low & left
6.0 seconds - 1 hit, 2 low
6.1 seconds - not sure of hits

6. Somerset Fitchett, sportsman
-- no time - jammed at 3rd bullet
5.9 seconds - 2 hits, 1 wide left
5.5 seconds - 2 hits, one low

7. John Bollendorf, ballistics technician
6.8 seconds - 2 hits, 1 low left
--no time - jam after 2nd shot
--no time - jam again
6.5 seconds - 1 hit, 2 near misses upper left

8. Douglas Passmore, ex-paratrooper
(wounded in Vietnam)
--no time, unable to bolt action; too stiff
--no time, unable to work bolt fast enough
--no time, simply too stiff for him
--no time, 2 shots in 5 seconds; 3 in 9

9. Carl Olson, H.P. White employee
--no time, jammed after 1 shot
--no time, jammed
5.4 seconds - tight group high
right in blue

10. Sid Price, H.P. White employee
5.9 seconds - 1 hit, 1 blue, 1 nowhere
4.3 seconds - not sure if any hits
--no time, jam after 2nd shot
4.1 seconds - 1 hit, 2 complete misses
(off blue) (FASTEST TIME)

11. Charles Healy, H.P. White employee
--no time, jammed
--no time, jammed
6.5 seconds - 2 near misses, 1 nowhere

SUMMARY:

These riflemen used various techniques; some took the rifle off their shoulder more than others. No one liked the scope.

Out of 37 attempts to fire 3 shots at the moving target, only 20 record times were taken. In the other 17 cases, either a bullet jammed in the bolt-cycling process, for no time whatsoever, or the balky bolt slowed him up so much that the target completed its run before the rifleman could get off his third shot.

The average time, out of 20 recorded attempts, was 5.6 seconds.

Fastest was 4.1; slowest, 6.8. Times are approximate; we can get them down to hundredths of a second if desired when applying superimposed timer.

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Philip Scheffler
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Dear Mr. Scheffler,

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 13 July 1967 in which you express regret that it will not be possible to provide me with the detailed results of the CBS marksmanship and wound penetration ballistics tests which I requested in a letter of June 29th addressed to Leslie Higgley. I was certain that CBS would not be willing to provide the information I requested, irrelevant of any "long standing policy prohibiting the release of any research material..." because the detailed results of the CBS tests would further betray the mendacious and hypocritical nature of the infamous "news inquiry."

It is clear that a super-organization like CBS and its servants are immune to power, exercised cynically and treacherously, without the inhibition of conscience or integrity. CBS is utterly indifferent to the reaction of the few individuals who have authoritative knowledge of the Warren Report's chicanery, to its transparent propaganda ploy—the "news inquiry" was addressed to a mass audience ill-equipped to resist or understand the manipulation of facts by opinion-makers like CBS.

Notwithstanding your "long standing policy" notwithstanding, I have obtained the detailed results of the CBS marksmanship tests. I know the precise scores of Lee Harvey Oswald, George, Conchini, LeMahue, Fitchett, Hollomanoff, Rasmussen, and Hamby. I know the average of hits per series of three shots and I know how many times the replica rifle jammed.

As loath and bitterly as I hate the still-unidentified assassin who slaughtered the President on the streets of Dallas, my contempt for the lies of the truth like CBS is even greater. Critics of the Warren Commission, committed to exposing its fallacy and deceitfulness, have little energy to spare for the auxiliary villainies of the news media; and I intend to devote more time on protests to the architects of the CBS travesty of truth than on their lackeys. So far as I am concerned, you may keep your "confidential" secret forever, while you sanctionously sold others out with the Lappender film and suppressing the autopsy photographs—your actions—the proof of your duplicity and charlatanism is already

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30 June 1967

Mr. Leslie Midgley
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Dear Mr. Midgley,

I refer to the CBS News Inquiry on the Warren Report, which I watched with very great interest. Would it be possible to provide me with:

(1) The complete record of the scores achieved by the eleven volunteers who participated in the CBS marksmanship tests.

(2) The rating as a rifleman of each of the eleven volunteers.

(3) The complete record of the wound penetration ballistic tests performed by Dr. Olivier for CBS, indicating the number of trials and the distance travelled by each test bullet.

(4) The number of test bullets that penetrated the plywood in the simulated wrist gelatin, in relation to the total bullets fired.

(5) Photographs or detailed descriptions of the recovered test bullets, including those which lodged in the simulated wrist gelatin.

This information would be of great value in connection with a review of the CBS News Inquiry which I have been requested to write for magazine publication, and also for possible mention in my book on the Warren Report which is in process of publication for release in the fall by Bobbs-Merrill Inc.

Yours sincerely,

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cc Bob Blanton, CBS News