

POSTSCRIPT

And so the dearily beloved President, foully assassinated and in-  
red with the silent homage of the multitudes of the great and the  
ble of the world, has bestowed upon him the official epitaph of  
s dubious request. For the Report of the President's Commission  
no Marc Anthony's oration. No passionate throng was aroused to  
ak vengeance on his assassins. Indeed, they run free, shalltered  
the magic cloak of the Report and its untemple conclusions.

In the perceptive phrase of Stephen Barber, Washington corre-  
ndent of the London Sunday Telegraph, John Fitzgerald Kennedy was  
only a President of the United States of America; he was a Presi-  
t for the world. Yet in the entire world, as in the United States,  
re was none among the excited and few indeed among the lowly who  
ed "Shame!" at this dubious epithaph with which this Great man,  
ed beyond measure by millions, was consigned to history.  
Perhaps, now, this wrong will be righted. This is the author's  
e and intent, for he is unwilling to believe - and will not - that  
emocratic society will perpetuate such a miscarriage of justice  
even further delay retribution.

Perhaps, also, there may remain in the minds of some a question  
the intent of those who fashioned their "facts" from the cowboys  
obfuscations and from falsities. As we have already seen, the  
ff of the Commission did not shun lying to the Commission itself,  
l neither was deterred by perjury or its subornation. Is it possi-  
they did not know what they were doing?

And what of the FBI, that almost hallowed institution whose di-  
:ter appears to be the only indispensable man in the United States  
erment; whose infallibility and incorruptibility is accepted by  
it as an article of faith, sustained as it is and has been by "sta-  
tistics" about its convictions and other performances? The FBI per-  
med most of the investigations and technical services for the  
mission and rendered its own report to the Commission some three  
lloking the assassination. Could the almost sacred FBI have so  
levously erred?

The author saw the once-secret FBI report on March 30, 1966,  
12 after this book was written. It permits no doubt about the  
swer to this and other questions.

The FBI report, in fact, is a tissue so thin and a polemic so  
disgusted that it would demean the labors of a hick police force  
visiting the purloining of a desiccated flounder. It is a neat,  
sant, colorful and optically attractive rendition of such tenuous  
tent that a self-respecting undereducated lawyer would best be-  
take it to an uncorrupted court. It is further a hardly disguised  
litical effort whose main thrust is that Oswald the Marxist, a  
nt of a Communist conspiracy to do away with the President, a  
lice-created fiction long since evaporated by both fact and reason.  
Appended to this inconsiderable report are three volumes of ex-  
bits carefully culled from the vast collection then already made.  
ese seek to credit incredible conclusions and to authenticate the  
sense of the FBI's concept of the political considerations it  
fers were involved.

There are three parts to this FBI report. The first deals with  
and is entitled "THE ASSASSINATION". Double-spaced and with generous  
margins, it consumes but three and a half pages! Shocking as is this  
scent regard for such a shattering and traumatic event to which the  
most publicized police agency in the world devoted its not inconsider-  
able skills, talents and manpower, even more stunning is what it man-  
ages to both state and avoid stating in the mere 500 words of which it  
considers the assassination of an American President worthy.  
The first two sentences of the second paragraph read:

"As the motorcade was travelling through downtown Dallas on  
Elm Street about fifty yards west of the intersection with Houston  
Street (Exhibit 1), three shots rang out. Two bullets struck  
President Kennedy, and one wounded Governor Connally."

There were but three shots fired, the FBI reports. Two of these  
struck the President and one, the Governor. It does not say that, of  
the three shots, one that struck the President also struck the govern-  
or, nor does it intend to. As we shall see, the FBI knew this was im-  
possible. What, then, of the "missed shot" already painstakingly  
traced in the chapter "The Number of Shots"? How could the FBI dare  
say there were but three shots, two of which struck the President and  
one the Governor, thus accounting for all three, when it knew, in the  
words of its Director, that the "missed" shot could not be associated  
with any that hit the presidential car or its occupants? It is only  
too obvious that there is here no acknowledgment of the missed shot,  
which means a minimum of a fourth and the total elimination of Oswald  
as a lone and unassisted assassin. The language is not subject to  
semantic evasion. There were only "three shots". Of these, "two  
bullets struck President Kennedy, and one wounded Governor Connally."  
And there is not even a mention of the wound in the front of the Presi-  
dent's neck!

If any but the obvious explanation of these words and their scan-  
dalous meaning can be made, let the FBI now make it! In fact,  
Any other explanation is severely inhibited - if not, in fact,  
totally eliminated - by the FBI's account of the President's non-fatal  
injury, which appears in the second part of its report, on page 18.  
Here, with equal and equally inexplicable brevity, the FBI demostates  
its own report and that of the Commission which followed it:

"Immediately after President Kennedy and Governor Connally  
were admitted to Parkland Memorial Hospital, a bullet was found  
on one of the stretchers. Medical examination of the President's  
body revealed that one of the bullets had entered just below his  
shoulder to the right of the spinal column at an angle of 45 to  
60 degrees downward, that there was no point of exit, and that  
the bullet was not in the body."

What oddly imprecise language for an agency with the reputation  
of the FBI, yet how clear and unmistakable the meaning, no matter how  
carefully phrased!

A bullet was found on one of the stretchers. The FBI will not  
say as the Commission did - falsely - that it was proved to have come  
from the Governor's stretcher.  
One of the two bullets the FBI says hit the President only "en-  
tered" his body. And not in his neck, as the Commission, despite its  
own indestructible evidence, had alleged, but below the shoulder and  
to the right of his spine, as we have already established must have  
been the case.

There was "no point of exit" and "the bullet was not in the body".  
And only a single bullet was found.  
There is but a single possible meaning: This bullet hit the presi-  
dent and penetrated his body so slightly that it fell out and was found  
at the hospital. Is there any other way in which it neither went

his body nor remained in it. And is there any other explanation of the inability of the autopsy surgeons to probe this wound? Did they explore a passage that did not exist? How could they not have known what the FBI reports when they did not - but the President's body as their task required? and did not the President's behavior of this particular bullet is consistent with the report of a spent bullet, one that has lost its energy in distance? The Western ammunition was ancient. It was of World War II vintage. But the short distance from that sixth floor window to the President was hardly enough to exhaust the "high velocity" projectile. It is of minor significance compared to what it does to the Report and to the Commission's staff and their effort to reconstruct the tragic events in a way more reliable with their desires, their attempt to rewrite history for their own purposes which they alone must now explain. It happens now to the flat angle alleged to have been the path of the fatal bullet which, according to the Report, entered the President's neck and exited in the front, near the Adam's apple. The FBI says the angle was not less than 45 degrees and could be as steep as 60 degrees. Which, if either, tells the truth? The ballistics of the Report are revolutionary, to employ a word in desecration, as it describes the unprecedented and impossible of this single, unutilized bullet through both the President and the Governor's bodies and the Governor's shattered wrist and arm. The Report, with all the changes of angle and direction. The Report says that with all the other in the world, a missile that could go forward or backward, up or down, and did so in defiance of the laws of nature and all that was known and misrepresents as we have already seen. But if all the truly magical powers were attributed to this marvelous if ancient and undependable weapon, were capabilities it really possessed, the Report does not claim the power either to fly in circles around the President's body and head, or to headlessly splash his skin and rend his flesh. The Report says that the non-fatal bullet of the FBI report that did not go through the President's body and did not remain in it is not the bullet that inflicted Governor Connally's injuries. Nor can it possibly be the bullet that wounded the President at the throat, in the front neck. What bullet, then, wounded the Governor and the President? The Report says that the "missile" shot, not the fatal bullet, and certainly not this one that did not go any further back out the way it came. It says that the President had been wounded in the front by a bullet fired from behind and above him? Unless this FBI report is too strong, the President was shot from both front and back. Nothing makes sense. Nothing else is possible. The Report alone knows how many shots were fired by how many people and from how many directions. But one thing beyond question: There was not a single assassin, Oswald or otherwise. Thus there was at least one conspiracy - to kill the President. Is there a further conspiracy? The Report says that at least must now be asked and thought of the investigations and the drafting of the autopsy, why it was two days and so many revisions? Why there was so much editing and of a factual rather than an editorial nature? Why these most historic and classified papers were removed from the Naval Hospital? Why some were irretrievably destroyed by fire and their irretrievable destruction so carefully certified?

Why there were the telephone calls from the Naval Hospital to Dallas? And, above all, why the photographs and X-rays and the spectrographic analysis are not only not in the twenty-six volumes appended to the Report, but are not even exhibits in the Commission's records? Are these really questions? Is there, in fact, now any basic question other than who the assassins are? And have we anything less than the most odious event in our national history?

Excerpts from the FBI report

#### I. THE ASSASSINATION

President John Fitzgerald Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, Texas, at approximately 12:29 p. m. (CST) on November 22, 1963.

At the time, the President was en route from Love Field to the Trade Mart in Dallas to address a luncheon sponsored by several civic groups. Among those in the motorcade with the President were

Street (Exhibit 1), three shots rang out. Two bullets struck

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President, who slumped forward in the car, was rushed to Parkland

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were admitted to Parkland Memorial Hospital, a bullet was found on one of the stretchers. Medical examination of the President's body revealed that one of the bullets had entered just below his shoulder to the right of the spinal column at an angle of 45 to 60 degrees downward, that there was no point of exit, and that the bullet was not in the body.

An examination of this bullet by the FBI Laboratory determined that it had been fired from the rifle owned by Oswald. (Exhibit 23)