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Dear Either or Both,

Some time ago I was given a sheet that before folding is headed "The JFK assassination: One gunman?", credited to Baker at the bottom and consisting of a number of sourced graphics. After folding the first page is headed "Graphics reporting visual evidence in the JFK assassination," by Wendy Govier, the second is headed "audiovisual sources."

In part because after the advent of serious and limiting illnesses I have devoted what effort I can to perfecting the historical records of this assassination and in part because I believe you had serious purposes, I write you with strong criticism I do not intend as personal insult but in the hope of getting your attention so that you can understand what you have done, how you have failed, the potential of serious harm from it, and on the chance you may at some point redo this and then, to the degree you can, if you are willing, to correct it.

-I do not not take the time for some specifics but if you ask for them to the degree possible for me I will respond.

First of all, you bit off more than you can chew. In part this is because you can, from the internal evidence, be evaluated as beginning with profound ignorance and great prejudice.

To a degree these overlaps. For example, what I see in this printing is exclusive devotion to the multitude of JFK assassination conspiracy theories with no intent to evaluate them and no ability to and you are almost devoid of fact.

Under "publications" your less than amateurish listing is limited to conspiracies theories in no single instance proven and in almost all instances ranging from untenable to knowingly false and impossible. Some are even ridiculous. You obviously did not use the library of Congress, which you did under "Resources for the JFK graphic," to learn what books are available. Thus you have eliminated those that are strictly factual.

With very few exceptions this criticism is true of what you list under resources.

Your text is loaded with factual errors, promises you did not and could not keep, and you are so uninformed or careless that you do not even have the producer of the one absolutely factual and truly superior "video" correct. It is Gerard, not Gerald Selby.

As of the time you printed this, October 1990, there were in excess of a quarter of a million once-withheld official records relating to the JFK assassination investigation because I alone have that many, obtained by a series of FOIA lawsuits. This does not include the perhaps 200 cubic feet of records available in the National Archives and the not inconsiderable number of pages obtained after I was no longer able to litigate by Mark Allen.

Where you try to deal with basic evidence you not only have limited understanding of it, you are blind to what is vital and relevant in a visual source you do cite.

Because I do not assume that you are incompetent + do believe that you are enamored of the multitude of almost all untenable theories presented as solutions, which not one is, without the knowledge required to understand that all are seriously flawed.

What you evolved is a high-school concept of college freshman or sophomore execution.

It is a disinformation, not information.

It does seriously mislead and deceive those who use it.

It supports all these theories, most of which are really nutty, and that serves to direct those who may use this from serious, dependable sources.

It also inhibits what with the best of intentions you could evolve.

The major single barrier to any effort to bring more truth about this assassination to light has been and remains these theories of the would-be Perry liars by both their content and the exclusion of all else in the efforts that, among other disasters, led to the establishment of the House Select Committee on Assassinations.

You do cite their work. Then you have to know that each hearing began with a narration of what was attributed to those who espouse theories and the hearing in each instance was devoted to debunking them, not to investigating the crime itself or the official investigations of it.

In a regrettable number of instances these theories were easily proven to be wrong. The net result was the destruction of credibility of all criticism, most of all of that which is not based on and does not include these theories all of which are in varying degrees faulty.

The compendium of them that you cite is "Crossfire." It is trash, incompetent, inaccurate, sometimes stupid and so obviously by a man (whose name you have wrong, it is "Marrs") who is so ignorant of fact and indifferent to it in his cribbing of Pen Jones' "mysterious deaths" he lists these as significant when they are not and cannot be ^{he} _{and} indicates as among the more significant ^{some} ~~are these~~ he does not mention in his text and about which his misinformation ranges from merely mixed up to absolutely impossible and that incorrect.

I'm sorry that you put all this effort into so poor a product for which the best I can hope is that it is widely ignored.

Perhaps you should ask yourselves what really impelled you to do this and whether or not you were competent to even begin it without acquiring the readily available factual information required to do it responsibly.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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Graphics reporting

Visual evidence

in the JFK assassination

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The assassination of John F. Kennedy continues to be the most talked about news story of this century. Looking back at the coverage of the day, we discovered that few graphics were done — just simple locators. Graphics for special anniversary sections in 1988 reflected the official version of the story. Yet 80% of Americans don't believe the official story.

We decided to do a graphic about why the government version, the Warren Commission Report, is generally not accepted. We wanted to compare the official story with the critics version, looking at the best evidence. What information had surfaced, been dug up, or leaked out about the case over the years?

As we began the research, we discovered the most visual story of the century. Although photo images from that event are branded in many of our memories, numerous graphics showing physical positions, bullet trajectories, and medical evidence were used to build both the official and unofficial cases. In fact, most of the evidence was visual. And the majority of the research was an analysis of visuals. The critics included forensic pathologists, photographic experts, architectural draftsmen, film archivists and

computer image analysts. Those who weren't visual per se, used visuals to explain their theories, as did the authors of the official story. We began to follow the graphics trail.

The official story

The official Warren Commission Report stated that 3 shots were fired by one assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald, from the 6th floor window of the Texas Book Depository. According to critics, this conclusion was based on false witnesses, a planted gun, altered photos, and a convenient trail of evidence.

Medical evidence

Records show 3 conflicting medical reports:

1. Parkland Hospital, Dallas documented a large head wound that exited at the rear of the head, and a tiny entrance wound at the throat on top of which doctors performed a tracheostomy to save his life. The back wound was not examined.

2. Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland documented a major exit wound at the right temple, and a back wound, 1"-2" in depth, with no bullet inside, and no point of exit. The throat wound was not examined.

3. Bethesda revised the final autopsy, relocated the back wound several inches higher, and claimed the bullet that entered JFK's back had exited through his throat. Official Navy drawings of the wounds included no measurements. Navy artist Rydberg said of his drawings that they could not be accurate because he did not have access to x-rays or photos, and never saw the body.

More conflicting evidence: the official autopsy face sheet locates the wound in his back 5-6 inches below the collar line. FBI Exhibit 59, a lab photo of JFK's suitcoat, shows a bullet hole 5 3/8" below the top of the collar. But the final Bethesda autopsy moved the back wound up a number of inches. The Warren Commission concluded that JFK's jacket was riding high, explaining the position of the bullet hole. But what about his shirt, held in place by a tight collar and tie? FBI Exhibit 60 shows the corresponding bullet hole in his shirt.

Autopsy photos and X-rays are officially locked away for 50 more years. Drawings of those photos by Ida Dox were used by the House Select Committee on Assassination in 1976. Witnesses at Parkland and Bethesda say these are not the wounds they saw.

Zapruder film

The most amazing visual is an 8 mm home movie of the assassination filmed by Abraham Zapruder, standing near a grassy knoll. Analyzing the film with photo enhancement, researchers like Robert Groden and Richard Sprague were able to time the shots to match frames of the film. In a slow motion version, the fatal head shot pushes Kennedy back and upward at over 100 miles per hour. Pieces of his skull

were found 15 feet to his left rear, and motorcycle officers to his left rear were hit with such force by bone and gray matter that they thought they had been shot.

Number of gun shots

The sequence of shots lasted just over 6 seconds. The official murder weapon could be fired only 3 times in that period. The Warren Commission says 3 bullets were fired. One was the fatal head shot. One shot missed (21 feet to right, 33 feet overhead, 10 feet beyond), hitting the curb and wounding bystander, James Tague. A third shot, known to critics as The Magic Bullet, caused 7 separate wounds in JFK and Connally.

CE-399 or Magic Bullet theory

Commission Exhibit 399, or The Magic Bullet, was said to have hit JFK in the back of his neck, exited his throat, entered Connally's back, broken his rib, exited his chest, entered his forearm, shattered his radius bone, exited his wrist and lodged in his thigh. Then it fell out onto a Parkland hospital stretcher. Critics say the trajectory the bullet would take to make all these wounds is impossible.

Aside from problems with the trajectory, the bullet itself was found in such near-perfect condition that the Warren Commission performed a test. A similar bullet, fired once through a cadaver's wrist, was severely deformed. Medical researchers have determined from x-rays that more metal remains in Connally's body than is missing from the bullet.

Eyewitnesses

Another film shows witnesses running toward the grassy knoll just after the assassination. Josiah Thompson's exhaustive research produced a chart of 191 witnesses, where they were standing and what they saw and heard. Some 80% of the witnesses in Dealey Plaza that day thought shots came from the knoll to the right front of Kennedy.

KRTN's graphic

KRTN's completed graphic shows what we determined to be the best evidence: eyewitness accounts, a diagram of shots fired, conflicting medical reports, the Magic Bullet, and a fact box. The graphic is available in the KRTN Graphic Library.

Source publications, videos

"Best Evidence" by David Lifton
 "High Treason" by Harry Livingston and Robert Groden
 "The Umbrella Man" by Robert Cutler
 "Six Seconds in Dallas" by Josiah Thompson
 "Guns of Dallas" by Fletcher Prouty
 "The Assassination of President John F. Kennedy: The Application of Computers to the Photographic Evidence" by Richard Sprague
 "Forgive Me, Grief" by Penn Jones, Jr.
 "On the Trail of the Assassins" by Jim Garrison
 "The Dallas Conspiracy" by Peter Dale Scott
 "Crossfire" by Jim Marr
 "JFK: An Unsolved Murder" by KRON TV, S.F.
 "Reasonable Doubt" by Gerald Selby, Jr.

Resources for the JFK graphic

▼ **Encyclopedia of Associations.** 3 volume set. Source for organizations involved in all sides of an issue. Includes the focus, contacts and publications. Well indexed.

▼ **NEXUS.** Computer search for JFK assassination research organizations.

▼ **Library of Congress.** Computer search for recent publications on JFK's assassination.

▼ **The Assassination Archive.** Books, articles, reports, photos, and video tapes. Active participation by some of the best researchers. Includes the 26-volume Warren Commission Report and National Archive documents.

▼ **Mae Brussell Research Center.** Collection of political assassination information.

▼ **Tom Davis Books.** Out-of-print books.

▼ **SPYBASE and JFK.** Data bases by Micro Associates. Cross-references and lists sources for every person named in various JFK investigations.

▼ **Western New England College Library.** Springfield, MA. Photographic works of Richard E. Sprague.

The JFK assassination: One gunman?

Some Americans question the Warren Commission findings about the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in Dallas on November 22, 1963. The Commission, appointed to investigate the murder, reported that Lee Harvey Oswald, a lone assassin, fired 3 shots from the Texas School Book Depository (TSBD). Some independent researchers disagree, basing a case for other gunmen and/or shots on some of the following information:

Eyewitnesses

A Lee Bowers saw cars & 2 men with radio phones behind stockade fence

B Abraham Zaprunder said shot came over right shoulder

C Emmett Hudson heard shots above and behind him

D S.M. Holland saw puff of smoke on grassy knoll

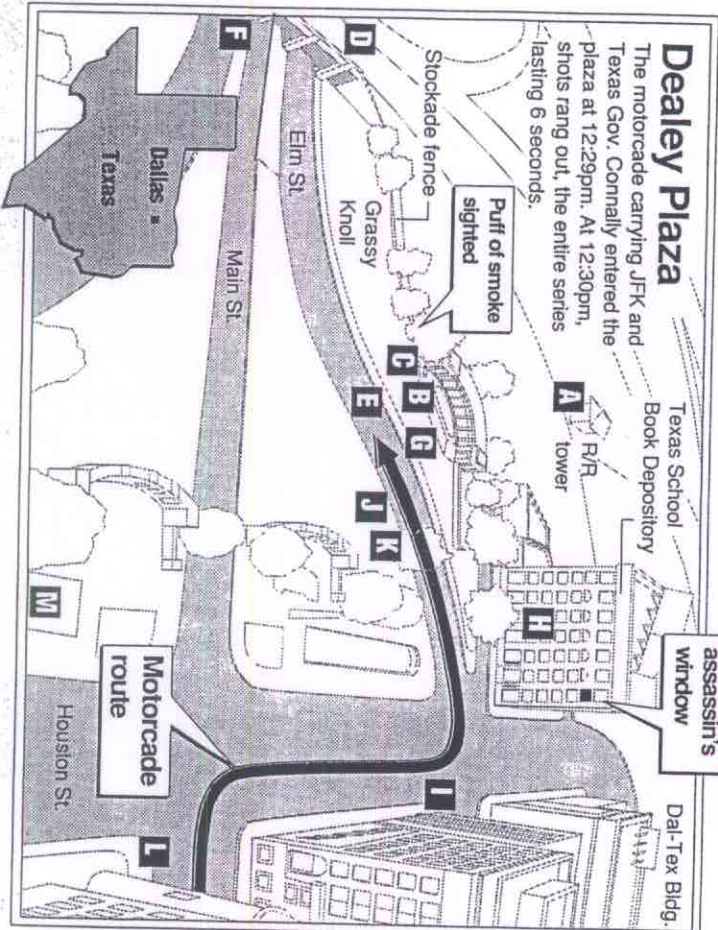
E Forrest Sorrels, in lead car, said shot came from knoll

F J. Tague hit by piece of curb from stray bullet, heard shots from knoll

G The Newmans dropped to ground; said shots came over their heads

Dealey Plaza

The motorcade carrying JFK and Texas Gov. Connally entered the plaza at 12:29pm. At 12:30pm, shots rang out, the entire series lasting 6 seconds.



assassin's window

Dal-Tex Bldg.

Texas School Book Depository

Texas School R/R tower

Puff of smoke sighted

Grassy Knoll

Stockade fence

Elm St

Main St

Dallas Texas

Houston St

Motorcade route

H Many TSBD office workers heard shots from knoll

I James Crawford heard shots from knoll

J Officer Hargis, behind JFK, said shot came from knoll; spattered with blood, he led chase up knoll

K Paul Landis, Secret Service agent, said last shot came from knoll

L Deputy Weitzman heard shots from knoll; found 8-12" piece of skull on Elm St.

M J.C. Price, on roof of Terminal Annex Bldg., saw man run to railroad cars after he heard volley of shots

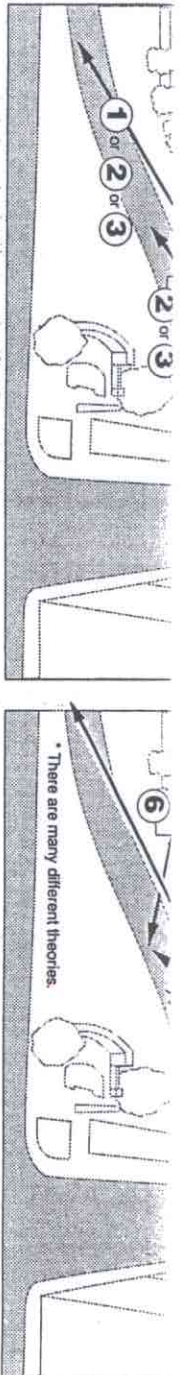
Warren Commission Report: One gunman and 3 shots

- 1 or 2 enters Kennedy's back; exits throat; enters Connally's back, through chest; right wrist
- 2 or 3 enters and exits Kennedy's head

One conspiracy theory: 3 gunman and 6 shots*

- 1 enters Kennedy's throat
- 2 enters Kennedy's back
- 3 enters Connally's back
- 4 scars curb; wounds bystander James Tague
- 5 and 6 enter

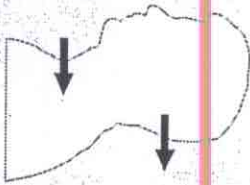




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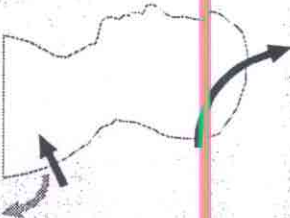
Parkland Hospital (Dallas)

Physicians found a massive "exit" wound at the back of the head, with part of the skull missing. A tracheotomy was performed over an "entrance" wound at JFK's throat; back wound was not examined.



Bethesda Naval Hospital (Maryland)

The autopsy documented a major "exit" wound at the right temple and a back wound short in depth (1"-2") with no point of exit. The throat wound was not examined.



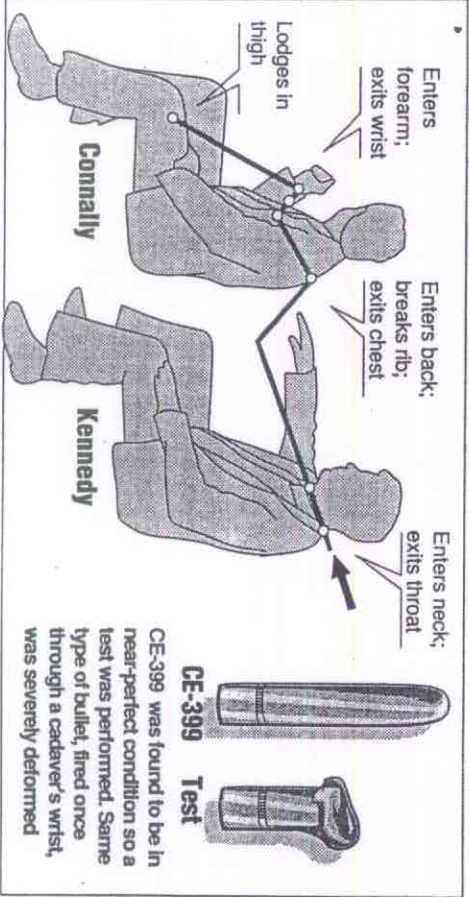
Bethesda Naval Hospital (Maryland)

After the autopsy, relocated the back wound several inches higher and claimed the bullet exited at JFK's throat and proceeded through Connally. Early autopsy notes were destroyed.



CE-399: The Magic Bullet

Commission Exhibit 399 or "magic bullet" was found on a stretcher at Parkland Hospital. The Commission contends that this bullet, virtually undamaged, passed through Kennedy and Connally, causing 7 separate wounds. Researchers contend the zig-zagging flightpath, shown below, was impossible:



SOURCES: Mae Brussell Research Center, Tom Davis Books, "The Assassination Archives and Research Center," "Bad Evidence," "They've Killed the President," "Six Seconds in Dallas," "The Umbrella Man," "Reasonable Doubt," "JFK: An Unsolved Murder," "The Dallas Conspiracy," "Guns of Dallas," "The Assassination of President John F. Kennedy: The Application of Computers to the Photographic Evidence," "On the Trail of the Assassins," "Forgive My Grief," "High Treason"

Research And Project Editor: WENDY GOVIER

Did You Know?

- Oswald was given a nitrate test on the night after the shooting. Results showed he had not recently fired a gun.
- Julia Ann Mercer, caught in traffic on Elm St., saw a man get out of a truck and carry a rifle up the grassy knoll. Later, she identified the driver to the FBI as Jack Ruby.
- 510 photos were taken by 75 photographers in Dealey Plaza in the hour before, during and after the shooting. Warren Commission examined 26 photos; FBI examined 50.
- 16 of the 20 Dallas sheriffs deputies in Dealey Plaza believed shots came from the knoll and ran in that direction.
- Governor Connally's clothes were dry cleaned, destroying evidence.
- Oswald's mother insisted that he was a U.S. intelligence agent.
- There is more metal remaining in Connally's body than is missing from Commission Exhibit 399, the magic bullet.
- Kennedy's brain is missing from the National Archives.

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AUDIOVISUAL SOURCES

Abbreviation Key:

AA — Assassination Archive, Washington, DC

CE — Warren Commission Exhibit

GR — Robert Groden, photo-optics expert

HSCA — House Select Committee on Assassinations

KR — KRTN Graphics, Washington, DC

MB — Mac Brüssel Research Center, Santa Cruz, CA

TD — Tom Davis Books, Aptos, CA

PI — Poynter Institute for Media Studies, St. Petersburg, FL

PO — Paul O'Connor, Gainesville, FL

TSBD — Texas School Book Depository

UNK — Original source/date unknown

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12)	TSBD floor plan	Dallas Morning News	11/22/63	AA
	Credit: Dallas News Sketch, Glen Moore			
13)	Map of shooting area	Dallas Times Herald	11/22/63	AA
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18)	Investigative graphic	JFK assassination graphic	1989	KR
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19)	Warren Report	New York Times	9/28/64	AA
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29)	TSBD window	Eyewitness Willis photo	11/22/63	AA
30)	Alleged weapon	News photo, Dallas jail	11/22/63	AA
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32)	Two Oswalds	Assassination Info Bureau	1959, 64	MB
33)	Head wound	Parkland Hospital doctors	11/22/63	MB
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35)	Side of head	Bethesda autopsy drawing	11/63	MB
	Credit: Navy artist Rydberg, <i>Six Seconds in Dallas</i> , p.145, CE 388			
36)	Wound diagram	Autopsy Face Sheet	11/22/63	MB
	Credit: Drs. Hume and Berkeley, Bethesda Naval Hospital, CE			
37)	Tracheostomy	HSCA drawing	1976	AA
	Credit: Ida Dox, using autopsy photos			
38)	Side of neck	Bethesda autopsy drawing	11/63	AA
	Credit: Navy artist Rydberg, CE385			
39)	Back of neck	Bethesda autopsy drawing	11/63	MB
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40)	Wound diagram	Autopsy Face Sheet	11/22/63	MB
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41)	JFK suitcoat	FBI laboratory photo	11/22/63	MB
	Credit: FBI Exhibit #59, <i>Six Seconds in Dallas</i> , p.55			
42)	JFK shirt	FBI laboratory photo	11/22/63	MB
	Credit: FBI Exhibit #60, Assassination Info Bureau			
43-44)	Back of head, back wound	HSCA drawings	1976	AA
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49)	Medical evidence	KRTN graphic detail	1989	KR
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50)	Dealey Plaza	Aerial photo of area	UNK	MB
	Credit: <i>Six Seconds in Dallas</i> , frontispiece			
51)	Diagram of shots	Warren Report version	1974	TD
	Credit: Architect Robert Cutler, <i>The Umbrella Man</i> , p.18			
52)	Diagram of shots	Eyewitness version	1970	TD
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53)	Diagram of shots	KRTN graphic detail	1989	KR
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54)	Film of shooting	Zapruder footage	11/22/63	GR
	Credit: Abraham Zapruder (Bell & Howell 8 mm, 18fps), Robert Groden			
55)	Diagram of shot	Zig-zag path—magic bullet	UNK	MB
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56)	Diagrams of shot	Magic bullet path	1963, ff	AA
	Credit: Rydberg (CE 385), Secret Service (CE 689)			
57)	Alleged bullet	FBI lab photo	11/22/63	MB
	Credit: CE 399, Assassination Info Bureau			
58)	Test bullets	Warren Commission photo	1964	AA
	Credit: Unreleased until 1972			
59-60)	Connally thigh, wrist	Parkland Hospital X-rays	11/22/63	AA
61)	Bullet path, test	KRTN graphic detail	1989	KR
62)	Film of eyewitnesses	Various footage	11/22/63	GR
63)	Eyewitness	Jean Hill photo at scene	11/22/63	MB
	Credit: <i>Crossfire</i> , p. 308ff			
64)	Eyewitness	S.M. Holland puff of smoke	UNK	AA
	Credit: Josiah Thompson, <i>Six Seconds in Dallas</i> , p.158			
65)	Eyewitness	Lee Bowers photo	UNK	AA
	Credit: UNK			
66)	KRTN JFK assassination graphic	<i>El Mundo</i> , Madrid in Spanish	1989	KR
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