

Alvarez

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Subject: Letter to Kathy Cunningham

Dear Dr. Wrone,

I'm flattered that Harold Weisberg sent you to me. He's such a neat guy!

Sorry for the slow response - I moved from Ocala to Tampa not long ago, so until today your letter was wandering around the State of Florida in the confused hands of disgruntled postal workers.

Letter of Sept. 7

I'm going to phone you too, but I thought I'd put some quick thoughts in writing and give you some addresses. If any of this sounds presumptuous, forgive me, I can't help it - I think Alvarez was so intellectually dishonest.

The doctor that did the tests with the Mannlicher Carcano was

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He video taped the tests. He was unable to recreate the jet effect, but I'll let him tell you. You may also want to ask him about his tests on the single bullet theory - he video taped them too.

I don't know what your angle is on the Zapruder film, but ask Doug (Dr. DeSalles) about David Mantik's work on the Zapruder film and on Alvarez - he has some information I am certain you'll want.

Another thing you might want to check relating to Alvarez's "jet effect" are the Edgewood Army Arsenal films of ballistics tests on Oswald's rifle. They shot skulls (among other things) and all of them (and everything else they shoot) move in the same direction as the bullet. I have a copy of the films and should you need a copy I can arrange to have one made for you.

Do you recall the robbery in Los Angeles about a year ago where the robbers walked down the middle of the street shooting semi-automatic weapons? If you can find someone with stock news footage of that crime there is a segment showing a police sharp shooter shooting one of the robbers in the back of the head. Guess which way his head goes? The same direction as the bullet, just as logic and physics dictate.

You may also wish to ask Stanford physicist Art Snyder about Alvarez's "jet effect." Art runs the particle excellorator at Stanford, so he's virtually of Alvarez's caliber.

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If you have copies of Dr Lattimer's films of skulls being shot off a step ladder, note (if you haven't already) that although the skull goes back towards the rifle, the ladder goes AWAY from it. JFK was a man and a man's skull is attached to his ladder - so Lattimer and his ladder have disproved Alvarez.

I think Lattimer is able to achieve the rearward motion of the skulls by shooting them very low. Since they aren't attached to their ladders (i.e., a neck) and a skull isn't balanced without a neck, they roll to rear instead of moving in the direction of the bullet.

I have also shown Alvarez's paper to several (5? 6?) physicists over the years. Not one of these men felt the thesis was sound. I did this for my own benefit so its undocumented, but you may want to do the same. Being at a University will make that easy!

I can't find it at the moment, but in THE FOURTH DECADE in the past 2 to 3 years was an excellent article on the flaws in Alvarez's work. I think it was by a man named Gene Case (or something similar):

You may also wish to speak to

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Randy is a diagnostic radiologist and one of the physicians to be granted access to the original autopsy materials. As a diagnostic radiologist, he sits around all day looking at X-rays to determine the cause of the injury. He has some FASCINATING thoughts on Alvarez and the head wounds.

Moreover, it is his assertion that what we see in the Zapruder film and what is shown in the X-rays are two shots to the head - first from the rear, then from the front - within 1/9th of a second.

I'll call you in a bit. Please just disregard anything you don't want to use - I'm just trying to be helpful without knowing what info you have.

Best,

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