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Dr. Shires. Dr. Shaw, Dr. Gregory--as we were reconstructing the events in the operating room in an attempt to plot out trajectory as best we could, this appeared to be our opinion." (emphasis added)

Now let me turn to your January 8 letter, page three, where you allege the following:

"In referring to the so-called magic bullet, Commission Exhibit 399, and to Governor Connally's wounds in your New York Times oped piece of June 25, 1993, you say that 'All the physicians who treated Mr. Connally for his wounds agree that he had been struck by just one bullet, fired from behind.' I go into that testimony in the last two chapters of my first book. It was completed in mid-February 1965. What you say is not true and in saying it you should have known it is untrue. Rather than take the time to cite all those who said the opposite of what you attribute to them, because that book fell open to pages 172 and 173 I see there that one of the doctors who treated Connally, Dr. Gregory. I quote from his testimony as I report it on the next page:

'It was 'extremely unlikely' that it could have been the bullet to 'lodge in the

Governor's thigh. (2H376)'

On the same page of my book I quote him as saying of your magic bullet that in the official mythology caused all of Connally's wounds he says a second bullet hit him.

Not only did Dr. Gregory say other than what you say he did, he also said it was not

possible at the point in the Zapruder film you say it did.

On page 176 I quote testimony by Dr. Shires, who was in charge of Connally'd (sic) treatment, sorry I mean Dr. Shaw, as not agreeing with the made-up single-bullet magic. When questioned further by Allen Dulles, who asked if there had been two bullets Shaw's reply, contrary to your representation of it, answered Dulles, 'Yes; or Three.' (4H114)

I could go on and on with this but I think these are adequate to prove that you knowingly misrepresented your own testimony to serve your own purposes and that it was

less than honest.

My inadvertent references to Dr. Shires above I use to call to your attention what I believe cannot be accidental mistakes you made."

Mr. Weisberg, Dr. Shires did in fact say that "Well we all thought, me included, that this was probably one missile, one bullet." (6H109) My June 25, 1993 New York Times piece was accurate when I said that "All of the physicians who treated Governor Connally for his wounds agree that he was struck by just one bullet, fired from behind."

Moreover, the language that you quote from 2 Hearings 376 which you say was from Dr. Gregory actually is from the testimony of Commander James Humes who was not one of the physicians that treated Governor Connally, but was rather one of the autopsy surgeons, and I am enclosing a photocopy of this page, which is the last page of his testimony immediately before the commencement of the testimony of Commander Boswell, who was also present at the autopsy. Here are the sequence of questions and answers:

"Mr. Specter. Dr. Humes, under your opinion which you have just given us, what effect, if any, would that have on whether this bullet, 399, could have been the one to lodge in Governor Connally's thigh?

Commander Humes. I think that extremely unlikely. The reports, again Exhibit 392 from Parkland, tell of an entrance wound on the lower midthigh of the Governor, and X-