

These were the seven people closest to the scene, and every single one of these witnesses saw only one gunman. Moreover, the four cartridge cases which were turned over to the police by Domingo Benavides, Barbara Davis, and Virginia Davis, were ballistically shown to have come from Oswald's revolver, to the exclusion of all other weapons in the world. Although FBI ballistic experts said that the bullets found in Tippit's body were too mutilated to be ballistically identifiable - in part because of the rechambered nature of Oswald's revolver - an independent expert retained by the Warren Commission identified one of the slugs in Tippit's body as coming from Oswald's revolver.

In addition, in 1979 the Report of the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) concluded (page 59) " ... that all four cartridge cases found at the scene of the Tippit murder were fired from the pistol that was found in Lee Harvey Oswald's possession when he was apprehended in the Texas Theater 35 minutes after the murder," and further "concluded that Oswald shot and killed Officer Tippit."

Your concentration on the affidavit of T. F. Bowley is a vivid example of what I call the "Kellerman Syndrome". In the Presidential limousine at the time of the motorcade, Secret Service Agent Roy Kellerman, riding in the front seat next to the driver, said he heard President Kennedy say, after the first shot, "My God, I am hit." Edward J. Epstein in his book, *Inquest*, used this as a rationale for disputing the findings of the Warren Commission. Indeed, Epstein was correct in his quotation of what Kellerman said. But what Epstein did not do is to tell his readers that everyone else in the Presidential limousine disagreed with Kellerman. The driver, William Greer, said the President said nothing. So did Governor Connally. So did Nellie Connally. And the exact words of Jacqueline Kennedy were, "And my husband never made a sound." Your case is built on the Roy Kellermans of the world. The Warren Commission conclusions were based on the William Greers, John Connallys, Nellie Connallys, and Jacqueline Kennedys of the world.

Regardless of what Bowley may have said he saw and the accuracy of his watch, the overwhelming evidence is that Oswald killed Tippit -- a Warren Commission conclusion with which the HSCA also concurred.

Perhaps the most ridiculous false statement in your letter is your implication at the bottom of page one and top of page two that you had something to do with my issuing a formal statement on the thirteenth anniversary of the assassination on November 22, 1975. Enclosed with this letter and incorporated by reference herein is a copy of that statement. It was prepared by my secretary and typed in Des Moines more than two weeks before the release date. It should be obvious to you because of the form of the statement that this is something that did not take place because of anything that you may have said a day or two prior to November 22, 1975.

As a matter of fact, what led me to issue the formal statement was the combination of my having found the CIA improperly withheld evidence from the Warren Commission that the CIA had been engaged in assassination plots against Fidel Castro and the failure of the CIA and the National Archives to comply with my formal request in the fall of 1975 to release all Kennedy assassination materials. That you should claim any credit for this is pure fantasy.