

Specimens submitted for examination

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7609 Request for location and examination of mark on curbing at assassination site Piece of curbing.

Small foreign metal smears (see attached for location) were run spectrographically (quartz-etch) & found to be essentially lead with a trace of antimony - could be bullet metal. No copper observed.

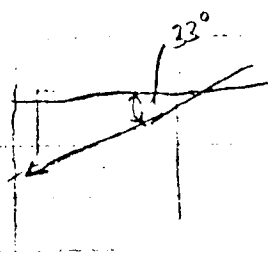
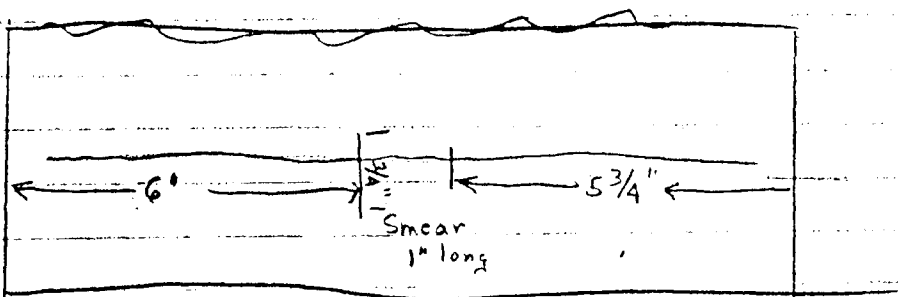
March 13 response to a Commission question about "items in common usage which contain antimony." Among 14 itemized "common objects" other than a bullet that could have caused this "smear" Hoover lists type metal, lead alloys, paints and storage batteries.

Nobody knew better than Hoover that bullets have lead alloys containing other components, not just antimony. The whole purpose of the test was to identify, measure and compare all these components, especially trace elements. That would have been one way of proving the official story or at least proving it was not impossible. Hoover did not take that way. The only apparent reason is that he knew he dared not.

If there had been as little as a single part in each millionth part of that "smear" that held any other substance, as bullets do, the test would have disclosed it. Because he did not, there is no reason not to believe that this smear was not made by some stray paint, a broken storage battery or a thrown piece of type metal.

Unless the "smear" was too tiny and mechanical blending of its elements was too imperfect.

This possibility is eliminated by the lab's attached sketch:



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