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Idea Spiked On Kennedy 2nd Gunman

LEXINGTON, Mass. (UPI)—A motion picture of President John F. Kennedy's assassination—showing what bears a resemblance to a second gunman aiming a rifle—is an illusion, a top photographic laboratory says.

An analysis released by the Itek Corporation disputes one widely circulated theory that the Warren Commission erred in finding that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in the slaying of the President in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

Several second-gunman theories have been advanced by proponents of a conspiracy. One has been based in part on an 8mm color motion picture of the assassination by Orville Nix.

Enlargement of certain frames of the Nix film brings out what resembles a man with one elbow resting on the roof of a station wagon behind the wall and squinting down a gun barrel at the street where Kennedy was shot.

Itek, a major manufacturer of highly sophisticated aerial reconnaissance cameras, improved the quality of the Nix film content by utilizing advanced image enhancement methods.

Itek says "the man with the rifle" was found to be nothing more than the shadows of tree branches and leaves in the bright sunshine on the side of a white concrete pavilion.