

was alone until the lights all went out and the phones became dead because the motorcade was coming near us..." [6H 395]. WC Counsel Ball was obviously not the least bit curious about this, as he asked Ms. Hine if she went to the window, but nothing about the lights and phones in the TSBD going dead.

Those events clearly DID NOT happen because the motorcade was approaching a tall building; if it happened, it was because some event(s) were planned for the TSBD. No other TSBD employee testified this way--but of course, none were asked.

Also, the question has been asked frequently "Why didn't someone in the 6th floor window fire the shot as the car was on Houston Street?" and the question was certainly valid, as the sight picture was far better on Houston, and at the corner of Elm, than at the time the shots were ultimately fired. But another food for thought consideration involves the configuration of the roads involved. Once the car made the Houston-Elm turn, it should have accelerated, as it went from a local street to a highway access road and the "parade" was essentially over. A lone gunman in the TSBD would have been facing the challenge of hitting a target in a car that was *speeding up* once it came out of the turn.

Marina Oswald's Letter to the ARRB; 4/19/1996

Mr. John Tunheim, Chairman
JFK Assassination Records Review Board
600 E Street, NW, Second Floor
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Tunheim:

I am writing to you regarding the release of still classified documents related to the assassination of President Kennedy, and to my former husband, Lee Harvey Oswald.

Specifically, I am writing to ask about documents I have learned of from a recent book and from a story in the Washington Post by the authors of the same book (as well as other documents they have described to me). The book reviews Dallas police, FBI, and CIA files released since 1992, and places them in the context of previously known information. I would like to know what the Review Board is doing to obtain the following:

1. The Dallas field office and headquarters FBI reports on the arrests of Donnell D. Whitter and Lawrence R. Miller in Dallas on November 18, 1963 with a carload of stolen U.S. army weapons. I believe that Lee Oswald was the FBI informant who made these arrests possible. I would also like to know what your board has done to obtain the reports of the U.S. Marshal and the U.S. Army on the same arrests, and the burglary these men were suspected of.
2. the records of the FBI interrogations of John Franklin Elrod, John Forrester Gedney and Harold Doyle (the latter men were previously known as two of the "three tramps") in the Dallas jail November 22-24, 1963. All of these men have stated that they were interrogated during that time by the FBI.
3. The official explanation of why the arrest records for Mr. Elrod, Mr. Gedney, and Mr. Doyle, as well as for Daniel Wayne Douglas and Gus Abrams were placed "under federal seal" in the Dallas Police Records Division for 26 years as described by Dallas City Archives supervisor Laura McGhee to the FBI in

1992.

4. The FULL records of the interrogation of Lee Harvey Oswald, including his interrogation in the presence of John Franklin Elrod as described by Elrod in an FBI report dated August 11, 1964.

5. The reports of army intelligence agent Ed J. Coyle on his investigation of Captain George Nonte, John Thomas Masen, Donnell D. Whitter, Lawrence R. Miller, and/or Jack Ruby. I am also requesting that you obtain agent Coyle's reports as army liaison for presidential protection on November 22, 1963 (as described by Coyle's commanding officer Col. Robert Jones in sworn testimony to the House Select Committee on Assassinations). If the army does not immediately produce these documents, they should be required to produce agent Coyle to explain what happened to his reports.

6. Secret Service reports and tapes of that agency's investigation of Father Walter Machann and Silvia Odio in 1963-64.

7. Reports of the FBI investigation of Cuban exiles in Dallas, to include known but still classified documents on Fermin de Goicochea Sanchez, Father Walter Machann and the Dallas Catholic Cuban Relocation Committee. These would include informant files for Father Machann and/or reports of interviews of Father Machann by Dallas FBI agent W. Heitman.

8. The full particulars and original of the teletype received by Mr. William Walter in the New Orleans FBI office on the morning of November 17, 1963, warning of a possible assassination attempt on President Kennedy in Dallas. I now believe that my former husband met with the Dallas FBI on November 16, 1963, and provided informant information on

which this teletype was based.

9. A full report of Lee Harvey Oswald's visit to the Dallas FBI office on November 16, 1963.

10. A full account of FBI agent James P. Hosty's claim (in his recent book, ASSIGNMENT: OSWALD) that Lee Harvey Oswald knew of a planned "paramilitary invasion of Cuba" by "a group of right wing Cuban exiles in outlying areas of New Orleans." We now know that such an invasion was indeed planned by a Cuban group operating on CIA payroll in Miami, New Orleans, and Dallas--the same group infiltrated by Lee Oswald. We know this information ONLY from documents released since 1992, as described in the book I have mentioned. On what basis did agent Hosty believe Lee "had learned" of these plans, unless Lee himself told him this? I am therefore specifically requesting the release of the informant report that Lee Oswald provided to agent Hosty and/or other FBI personnel on this intelligence information.

The time for the Review Board to obtain and release the most important documents related to the assassination of President Kennedy is running out. At the time of the assassination of this great president whom I loved, I was misled by the "evidence" presented to me by government authorities and I assisted in the conviction of Lee Harvey Oswald as the assassin. From the new information now available, I am now convinced that he was an FBI informant and believe that he did not kill President Kennedy. It is time for Americans to know their full history. On this day when I and all Americans are grieving for the victims of Oklahoma City, I am also thinking of my children and grandchildren, and of all American children, when I insist that your

board give the highest priority to the release of the documents I have listed. this is the duty you were charged with by law. Anything else is unacceptable--not just to me, but to all patriotic Americans.

Please be advised that this is an open letter, and i intend to make it available to anyone who wishes to see it. The time for secrecy in government is over. I ask that you respond to me in writing within two weeks, and will take no further action until then.

Thank you for your attention to my requests.

Sincerely,
/s/ Marina Porter

[Update: Marina Oswald Porter was contacted by co-editor Walt Brown as we went to press; she received only a "general response" and not from Tunheim and the FBI gave a blanket denial to all the Oswald-as-FBI informant allegations; more to follow.....]

The Murder of JFK-Confession of an Assassin

by Edward Bell

In the video--The Murder of JFK-Confession of An Assassin (MPI, #MP 7148), James E. Files, an inmate of Joliet State Penitentiary, confesses to being one of two assassins firing at JFK in Dallas on November 22, 1963. According to Walt Brown's *Treachery in Dallas*, this makes him one of 28 "suspected shooters in the Kennedy assassination."¹ This confession is the result of an investigation launched by the late private investigator Joe West in 1989.²

In a press release of May 11, 1990, West claimed he had new information from an

unidentified source directly implicating John Roselli and Charles Nicoletti in the murder.³ This was followed by a November 1990 appearance on CNBC cable's Morton Downey Jr. show. On that program, West made the following revelations: "There was a firing squad in Dealey Plaza. That firing squad was made up of a coalition of the CIA and the Giancana crime family out of Chicago. the firing squad was sent *well-trained* to Dealey Plaza for one purpose. That was the assassination of the 35th President of the US--John Kennedy...The top hit man for the mafia in the Western Hemisphere--a part of the hit team that executed upon the Mafia Commission's orders. First of all Sam Giancana, secondly John Roselli, thirdly Charles Nicoletti. These men were interrogated before their deaths and each of of them *confessed* to this Mafia hit man. *I have a video recording of him.* I have a sworn affidavit from him in which he says each of them confessed that the Giancana crime family was working with Jack Ruby in Dallas for this assassination. It was all preplanned."

In the 1996 MPI video, producer and interviewer Bob Vernon states "In 1989 Houston private investigator Joe West launched an independent investigation to find the true killer of president John F. Kennedy. After three years of disappointments and dead ends...West suddenly received a tip from an FBI agent who asked to remain unnamed. The tip led West to Joliet and a prisoner named James E. Files...Through months of personal visits and detailed correspondence, Files began to reveal his participation in the JFK killing. Files was nearing a full confession when West took sick and passed away in 1993. It took 13 months after Joe West's death, but on March 22,