

Dear Gary,

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The reverse side is of a record about me that I copied for an FOIA suit when my old copier was pooping out. No point in wasting it!

Good project, taping WFAA's footage and transcribing it. When you are finished, if you can spare a copy, I'd like it for its archival value. While there may be something that might interest researchers in what the witnesses said at the time, we'll not get much mileage from it because, as you note, recollections change with time and external influences. But in terms of what the official investigators ignored, historically this can be quite valuable. The reason for my enclosing a carbon is so that if you can do this, while I may have forgotten my purpose by then, it will remind me. If you can I think you should identify it fully, if you can add to what is in your #14.

Likewise, a clear print of the picture you use, of the car being washed. My recollection, by the way, is that this was done twice. While the picture is new (at least to me) the fact is not and I published it years ago. Tom Wicker observed this as he rushed into the hospital after being delayed getting there and while he did not use that in the story he phoned it, he later used it in an in-house Times book I got and have somewhere. I also knew from some of the testimony, so perhaps my source was duplicated, not the cleansing.

On p. 2 re what Zapruder testified to, you ask, "Was his initial opinion significantly different?" The answer is that it was and I published this in two different forms, first in WW II, quoting his testimony, where he says some unnamed agent changed his mind and in Photo WW, where I use the illegible copy of the memo with which the SS forwarded the first copy of his film to DC. I made it out and it quotes him as saying a shot came over his right shoulder.

FYI, Noguchi is incorrect in saying that his autopsy contradicts all the eye-witnesses. It contradicts the false representation of what the eyewitnesses said by the police. Most of the RFK eyewitnesses said Sirhan was never close enough to leave powder burns and not nearly as close as the autopsy showed.

I'd expected something from both DJ and Barger by now. Anything new?

With regard to the picture, I think I've seen another of the entire bay, taken head-on from the outside, that also shows that bucket.

As I presume you know, the unnamed WFAA photog Aynesworth says got into TSHD when Aynesworth couldn't was Tom Alyea. There is an account of the disappearance of most of his footage in Photo WW.

I've heard nothing from the Enquirer on any further enhancement. Hope you are making progress. Their longtime in-house JFK assassination expert who'd retired has gone back with them. His name is Bill Dick.

Best wishes,