

exist? The scanty scraps used to test Oswald's modulation and stress fail to impress these law agencies.

**PRESIDENT KENNEDY** was killed by a conspiracy, says O'Toole in press conference and via the prestigious NBC Today show. "The man who paid with his life for that crime in the basement of the Dallas city hall was innocent."

The O'Toole entrance into the sad exhumation of theories surrounding the death of the young President, followed by a few hours a late-night television showing of the late Abraham Zapruder's home movie of the assassination. It, too, was beamed at the conspiracy angle.

No one, in the rush for recognition and commercial ventures of a dozen years later, seems to recall the brilliant piece of police work within an hour after the murder of a President in a community of more than a million that led Harvey Oswald was arrested after a gun struggle in a small Oak Cliff theater.

Or that he had fled the Texas Book Depository after the assassination, killed patrolman Tippitt who had recognized him from a red-alert fugitive broadcast and then sought to hide in the theater.

Or the hundreds of other pieces of evidence the police, the FBI, the Secret Service, the Warren Commission put together.

Indefensibly, it all melted in the killing of Oswald in the basement. The act that now brings on the theories and the books.

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