

Chapter Honor "by Father and Mother

It is the major-media that made the JFK Assassination Industry possible. If it had met its obligations in a society like ours it would not have been possible for the government to get away with its knowingly, deliberately, from the very first intendedly false "solution" to "the Crimes of the century," which in every sense it was.

In this and in its ^{abrications} ~~associations~~, failures, ~~as~~ misrepresentations and not infrequently overt lies the media intself not only contributed to the creation and rise of this Industry, it became part of it. Perhaps the Commission was first, and that it was we saw in the preceding chapter. But it can be argued that the media was first, before the Commission was even formed, in its unquestioning accept^{ance} of official handouts and leaks on all levels. It failed to fill its quintessential question^{ing} role in a ^{society} ~~society~~ like ours. It did not send its competent and experienced reporters probing and seeking evidence, as it would ~~perhaps~~ perhaps have done with a lead on the crookedness of a minor public official.

Instead it from the first did not even use good editorial judgement, it did not report what it ~~was~~ saw and knew and its reporting was characterized, for all the world as though it were an arm of errant government, by neglecting what significant and playing down ~~it~~ what it did not neglect. Two illustrations serve to show this.

The Dallas doctors held a press conference as soon as it was possible after they left the President's body. They did have to wash up and change their clothing before they appeared in public. That took only about a half-hour.

Dr. Malcolm Perry, Parkland Hospital cardiovascular surgeon, ^{performed the tracheostomy and} is the one who inserted a tube in a futile effort to restore the President's breathing. In doing that he perforce had to and did examine the bullet wound in the front of the President's neck. He later discussed this at some length with me, as I report in Post Mortem.

At the press conference ~~was~~ asked three times if that wound in the front of the President's neck was an entrance wound. An entrance wound there meant that the shot had been from the front. ^{he said that was an entrance wound} All three times Dr. Perry was confirmed by the chief of neurosurgery, Dr. Kemp Clark.

That press conference was transcribed by the White House and made available to the press hours before the eastern morning papers went to press, at about 4 the afternoon of the assassination.

Before then, before the press conference was over, Lee Harvey Oswald was arrested. Oswald and nobody else. It was known that he was behind the President, not in front of him. Thus with Oswald the lone person arrested if the press had treated what Perry and Clark said as by normal news standards in ordinary ~~event~~ events it would have, at the very least it would not have been possible for the official investigations to begin with the assumption that Oswald was the lone assassin.

If this evidence, the only professional and eyewitness evidence, had been given the attention it warranted, the possibility of the Commission proceeding entirely in secret would have ^{been} ~~been~~ diminished if not prevented. With the ~~the~~ general understanding that with shots fired from two different directions there would have been strong protests over a secret, star-chamber proceeding. If the Commission's work had been in public, as it should have been - as it would have been at trial - all of our history would be different.

Using The New York Times and the Washington Post as examples, and I have their stories on file, they made the barest mention of the Perry evidence, that there was ^shot from the front. If there were any followups on that I am not aware of it. This once-only barest mention is the record the press made for itself.

When New York Times reporter Tom Wicker got to the hospital and he rushed into it through the emergency room entrance, he saw the Presidential limousine being washed!

Washington destroyed the evidence it held, at least for court purposes. There was no way of knowing what was washed out or thrown out. *or perhaps, added.*

Experienced reporter that he was Wicker should have known that it was very, very wrong to even touch that limousine before a careful police search of it for evidence and the most careful photographing of it as it was when it reached the hospital and was emptied of people.

That ~~Wicker~~ Wicker did see the limousine being washed out when it should not have

toached at all and should have had a guard stationed around it ~~he~~ reported later in a book he wrote about the Times and some of his experienes with it. I have that book.

But he did not include it in his story for the Times.

With all that happened that day it is easy to understand that he could not keep it all in mind and was not able ~~to~~ make notes of all he saw. He could not, for example, while running full-tilt. I do not suggest anything sinister at all. I suggest only an oversight, a failure.

But that not getting reported and reported extensively enable^d all the subsequent tests and lab reports to ignore ~~that~~ the evidence of that limousine was no longer pristine, as r required ~~by~~ ^{in court} evidence ^{to be acceptable}.

That the limousine was not even guarded with care means that it was possible to drop pieces of bullet in it, for one example. If that was done the investigation, assuming one of honest intent, would have been chasing ~~pieces~~ ^{yesse} and in circles to boot.

Of the many things that did not get the attention they deserved I pick these two, Wicker's failure to make the warranted issue of the ~~very~~ ^{very} being washed, which means ~~that~~ ^{the} evidence of the ~~frime~~ ^{crime} being tainted if not eliminated, and the universal media downplay of the medical opinion that the President had been shot from the front, to show how the media itself became part of the ~~JFK~~ ^{JFK} Assassination Industry, a role it deepened and broadened once the FBI started handing out its leaks and once the Commission got started.

The media also became part of the in Industry ~~industry~~ not only in stories it did not report but also in what it did and with the magazines, with what they bought the rights to. It is a normal practise to ~~sell~~ ^{that right} the right to use books ^{newspapers etc} in magazines. They ~~magazines~~ pay for ~~it~~, and it ~~help~~ helps sell books.

Exploitation and commercialization of the assassination by critics of the official account came only after the first wave of books on the assassination.

The first ~~book~~ ^{book} exploitation in support of the official mythology was by a cunning and unscrupulous scavenger, Lawrence Schiller. Along with the book, supposedly ^{based on} ~~my~~ far from actual~~ly~~ ~~unedited~~ transcripts of interviews, Capital Records produced a record from ~~Schiller's~~ tapes. He used his misrepresent~~ation~~, that his was a project for history

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and for deposit in university archives, to get those of ~~us~~ us who otherwise would not have wasted that time to be interviewed. As his work ^b appeared it could not have been any more dishonest, deliberately dishonest. He edited transcripts and presented them as verbatim, with no ~~changes~~ changes or excisions indicated. He did this to the extent that when one person was being talked about as he published it that conversation was about an entirely different person. I know this because that hyena in human form did it to me.

The ~~record~~ record part was a scam, too.

The promotions of the book and the record, the book itself worse than trash, became a widely-heard ^{and read} defense of the Commission and its "report."

~~That~~ In titling his book Schiller was self-descriptive. It ^{was} also designed to ~~be~~ libel without technical libel. It ^{was} "The Scapegoats and Other Critics" of the Warren Report. It was published by Dell in 1967.

While those who do not agree with the official mythology are castigated as seeking ^g money ^{from} for that ^{tragedy} tragedy, that is ^{never} said the ^{true} hyenas like Schiller and others of his aroma. It is ^{never} said of those who in any way support the official mythology. There, as I can attest ^{my} from personal knowledge, is where the money was ^{and} is.

First Schiller latched onto Jack Ruby. This is little known but ^{Ruby's} his family did testify to it before the Commission, Schiller got them to agree for him to ~~start~~ start a national campaign to raise money for ~~his~~ Ruby's defense. They also testified that he kept most of it. Initially Jack ~~is~~ sister Eva Grant testified that under the contract Schiller was to get 35% of what he collected, (14H475) ^{Extra space}

Whether on his own initiative or at the suggestion of the couple who wrote his book, Robert Oswald did more than merely cash in, as we'll see. Robert agreed for Myrick and Barbara Land to ghost his book, Lee (Coward McCann, Inc., 1967) ^{Lee's} condensation of the book was in its issue dated October 17, 1967.

His mother and Lee's, Marguerite, ^{was} as at best a strange and a difficult person, ^{she} with odd self-concepts ~~and~~ and conspiratorial views of the world and of what he son Lee

was involved in. I say this in fairness to Robert, who neither regarded nor treated ^{her} his mother as most people treat their ^{mothers}, and I add my personal experience with his mother that says a little about her and the kind of person she was.

I had made arrangements to do some interviewing in Dallas, some with appointments made before I got there. That time I ~~was~~ was the guest of my friends, Mary and ^{e/} Buck Farrell. Mary told me that Marguerite wanted to talk to me. I said, "Fine, whenever I'm free."

Soon after I was there Marguerite phoned. She said, and this is from memory, "I'd like you to be here at 2 p.m."

"I can't do it then," I told her, "because I have an appointment then. How will it be if I make it when I finish that interview?"

Her exact words were an indictment, "Marguerite Oswald plays second fiddle to ~~a~~ nobody." And with that she ~~smiled~~ ^{slammed} the phone down.

So when Robert indicates, in the words of the Lands to which he did agree, that his mother was difficult, that was my experience with her. I could add that she ^{had} was with no ^{importance} basis other than being the mother of the alleged assassin, ^{yet she believed that she was an} extraordinarily self-important person.

What Robert did, however, was to exploit his mother for money ^{He did that by} and for giving extensive attention to her shortcomings. No matter how true what he said of her may have been, she was still his mother and he defamed her for money.

Robert made money ^{from the assassination other than he made money} and aside from by this book, from his brother Lee's plight and for persuading Marina to make certain decisions ^{she was wanted to make} and to prevent her from backing out.

While that got little attention, it was quite scandalous. It forced ^a the Secret Service ⁱⁿ to investigate ~~it~~. I have the Secret Service report on the milking of Marina as though she were a prize cow. Robert got ten percent of the take for doing nothing at all except ~~agree and~~ keep Marina in line ⁱⁿ.

That Marina was commercialized is nothing new in this country. But that ~~she~~ she was commercialized by her brother-in-law was not either normal or an everyday event. But then Robert also commercialized all else that he could, his mother and his brother, and to be acceptable ~~he~~ and for money he pronounced his brother guilty.

It all began when the Secret Service decided it had to sequester Marina. They did take her and hide her and then ^{it} get the commercialization started. I go into enough of this in Whitewash II not to repeat it here. They took her to The Inn of the Six Flags at Arlington, Texas, near Dallas. It was managed by one John Martin. They then suggested that Martin be her agent and being alone and utterly lost in a strange land whose language she could ^{not} communicate in well and being the ^{widow} wife of the man accused of that dastardly crime she agree. There was little else she could do. She had two little girls, one an infant, and all the money she had in the world was what Lee left ~~her the last morning~~ before going to work the morning of the assassination ^{with the Commission and of the FBI}. What those so honorable men did with his leaving that ^{small} amount of money for Marina was lie about it. With their accustomed honor they suppressed that he left it for Marina for her to buy a washing machine so she would not have to wash the ^{dishes} ~~dishes~~ by hand when, as she herself ^{add the Secret Service,} said, he got an apartment so they could all be together again in Dallas.

Martin proposed to Marina that he be her agent. He had no experience at all as a literary agent but she did not know that and she did know that she had no means at all of keeping and feeding her babies and herself. So she agreed. The contract he drafted included a lawyer at 10 percent, and there was need for a lawyer. It included Robert at ten percent and there was not thing he could do to help raise money for her, to write any articles for her or a book or even to promote what was written in her name. For himself Martin took the excessive figure for "literary" representation of 15 percent.

What did help Marina was the ~~out~~ outpouring of Americans concerned about the desperate plight of this young woman, hardly more than a girl, with those two young ~~and~~ children and no means of ^{of} earning anything at all.

On its part, the FBI, the name of whose game is control, had all her letters intercepted and copied. I have a file drawer of those copies. The FBI then undertook to interview some of those people who were friendly and made generous offers, like for her and her children to come and live with them. It also scared the ~~hell~~ hell out of her, as I first brought to light in my first book (Chapter 10, "The Oswalds' Government Relations," pages 119ff.).

Senator Russell had questions about Marina and about whether she was truthful. In her testimony she swore to the opposite of what she said as soon as she was interviewed and wrote out for the government, before the Commission got started. That was caused by the FBI, not Marina. It really leaned on her. That last-minute hearing Russell forced was on September 6, in Dallas, at the U.S. Naval Air Station there. Russell, Cooper and Boggs were the members present, along with Rancin, several from the Texas Board of Inquiry into the assassination, John Joe Howlett of the Secret Service ^{and} interpreters ~~and~~ the FBI Agent Leon I. Gopadze and Peter ~~Gregory~~ Gregory. (588) In the cute way those honorable ^{of the stuff} men, of keeping everything straight, her ~~last~~ her last-minute testimony of September is published ^{ed} in Volume # 5, but her ^{only} testimony in in Volume 11, beginning on page 275.

Earlier Marina had written that she was "offended" at the FBI over the way ~~it~~ it mistreated her. In ~~Sept~~ September, and here I cited the pages of "hitwash" in which I brought what happened to her to light, she gave an understated account of how they leaned on her, really terrified her:

"If I didn't want to to answer they told me that if I wanted to live on this country, I would have to help in this matter, even they were often irrelevant. That is the FBI," (Page 134), The irrelevancy refers to the questions she was asked.

"He even said it would be better for me if I were to help them," (page 135)

There was no way she could "help them" of personal knowledge. They were ~~demanding~~ demanding that she help them convince her dead husband.

"...it was presented in such a delicate form, but ~~but~~ there was a clear implication that it would be better if I were to help." (page 135)

What actually happened, what the FBI actually did, was first freeze the Secret Service out, although it had her in custody, and then, not trusting any Texas officials of the immigration and naturalization Service, it brought one to its liking down from New York. He really laid it on the line. I have the FBI's own records on this. Marina was told very bluntly, without the Secret Service present to witness it, that she would be deported unless she testified as ~~it was wanted~~ ^{the FBI} ~~she~~ ^{her to} testify.

What was this young widow with those two tiny children to do except what was ^{demand} expected of her, without regard to the truth?

Now then is when she needed a lawyer and a brother-in-law to be a ~~one~~ decent and helpful human being. But they were not there. She was ~~at~~ all alone, broke, with an infant and a tiny daughter, and the last thing she ^wanted was to be returned to the Soviet union.

Having come from the Soviet union and knowing the powers of ^{its} the government and how meaningless laws could be there, she hadn't the slightest understand^{ing} that in this country, ~~the~~ law usually prevails. There are laws for immigration and she was here within that law and more, with the government's expressed approval of her coming. She had not ~~she~~ committed any offense under any laws, particularly not the immigration laws, and the only way the FBI could deport her was by Hoover returning to what got him started on his government career, being part of the so-called ~~Paine~~ Palmer "red" raids at the end of World War ^{one} ~~II~~. They ~~at~~ then just strongarmed and ^dloaded people they did not like, without process of any law, ^{only} in ships and shipped them out. Breaking families up to do this was not unusual.

But in 1963 and 1964, for all the unprecedented power he had ~~in~~ accumulated in the ensuing years, not even ^{ed} Edward Hoover himself would even dream of such a thing. ^e he would have known very well that the result would be an enormous protest.

But Marina did not know that. She did not know that our laws prevented that. When they lied to her, and from this modest representation ^dquote above it is still clear that they lied to her, she had little choice but to do their crooked doing.

They did tell her that the immigration official they had with them had been brought from New York. She so testified where ^I quote her testimony above.

That he could do what he did do tells us that it was Not only Hitler's ^{and} gestapo ^{to} Stalin's KGB ~~that~~ which found ready recruits to do ^{whatever} whatever they were wanted to ^{do} do.

The FBI records ^I have on this do not indicate that Robert had any awareness of it at all. ^wBut loving brother-in-law that he was, and having a crazy, paranoid opinion of Ruth Paine, who had befriended Marina, the one thing he seems to have done was persuade

Marina not even to see Paine when she went to the ^Iinn of the Six Flags to see her, to ask her how she was treated and whether she needed anything.

Ruth's husband Michael was active in the American Civil Liberties Union. Oswald had attended a meeting with him. Had Ruth or Michael the slightest glimmer of the great and anti-American pressure being applied to Marina, the ACLU would have been in it immediately and very publicly.

With the pawns frozen out, all Marina had other than the federal officers who were keeping her captive, without due process, was her ~~husband~~ ^{brother} ten percent brother-in-law who was not there to earn any of his ten percent.

This is the brother-in-law who defamed his mother and pronounced his brother guilty when he had no personal knowledge of it and even when he knew that the shooting attributed to Lee was impossible for the best shots in the country. This is in "his" book.