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A Dead Man Talks



President Kennedy in Dallas shortly before his murder.



Deputy Sheriff "Buddy" Walthers lights cigarette before inspecting bullet lying in brainmatter, skull and hair from President Kennedy.

by Harold Epstein

Except for one dangerous slip of the tongue on the day that John Kennedy was murdered in Dallas, Deputy Sheriff Ed "Buddy" Walthers would probably still be alive and on the force today.

Walther's specialty as a peace officer according to one source was "shaking down hookers, growing marijuana in his back yard, that kind of stuff."

Walther's greatest achievement as a police officer was on the day that President John Kennedy was murdered. He told newsmen that he saw a .45 caliber slug in the grass where the president's brains were lying. It is highly possible that that statement was to cost Walther his life a few years later.

The bullet was found in the grass across the street from a manhole where Senator Ralph Yarborough said he saw smoke coming out immediately after Lee Harvey Oswald allegedly killed the president several hundred yards up and away from the motorcade.

Iconoclast has climbed into that manhole and plotted the trajectory of a 230 grain semi-wadcutter, the name for the .45 bullet and checked it against the Zapruder film which show the "explosion of the president's head. We are saddened to say that the trajectory and ballistics of a forty-five caliber bullet matched exactly what we saw in the Zapruder film.



Deputy Sheriff Walthers takes a close look at the evidence.

Editor's note: This article would not have been possible without the assistance of Penn Jones, Jr., who for the last 12 years has been raising the unthinkable questions and more importantly, fearlessly sought the answer to the question: "Who murdered President Kennedy?"

Deputy Walthers died Jan. 10, 1969, in a Serpico type shoot-out with James Walter Cherry, an "escaped convict" with a life sentence from Georgia in an Eastern Hills motel room in Dallas. We have heard a different story.

"They let this old boy out of prison who was serving a life sentence anyway and put him in this hotel room for a month, and got him a different broad every night. He was just laying back there, drinking and having a good time. Well, all of a sudden Buddy Walthers was told to get his ass over there with his partner Al Maddox and pick this boy up."

It is highly unusual for the Dallas Police or County Sheriffs to send less than twenty agents to bring an escaped con back into custody.

"Anyway, Walthers opened that door and got plugged right in the back."

"In the back?" I asked.

"Yep, I don't think that con had a gun. Anyway," our source continued, "it was brought out at the trial that the slug that killed Walthers could have come from Maddox's gun, but it didn't matter. I think they just gave that con another life sentence and sent him back to prison."

"What happened to Maddox?"

"Well, he got a promotion."

Walthers is a dead issue, but the forty-five theory still haunts everyone concerned with the assassination. We are sure, from watching the Zapruder film, that John Kennedy was struck in the left temple from the front from a forty-five degree angle (or less) by a handgun at close range.

The forty-five is the slowest and

heaviest load on the market. There's an old military saying, "a forty-five will knock you on your ass." Ballistics tests prove that. Within fifteen yards it causes "explosions," and makes such a mess that you have to pick up the pieces of the body with a mine-sweeper.

The Zapruder film clearly shows that the President's head snapped back and to the left after the impact. He must have been struck frontally, not from the rear, as the Warren Commission alleges. There was a police motorcycle parked either conveniently or accidentally on top of the manhole on assassination day on the right side of Elm Street as you approach the underpass; the same manhole Iconoclast visited some twelve years later. We calculated the



Deputy Sheriff Walthers watches unknown man retrieve evidence.



.45 calibre slug about to be picked up.

President was well within fifty feet of the manhole, from which Senator Yarborough saw smoke emerge.

The .45 is the standard military handgun of the U.S. armed forces. The bullet is slow, traveling at 1200 feet per second, but is so heavy that after release from the muzzle it cuts the air, changing its spiraling. The spiraling pattern of a bullet is also called rifling, and is caused by six grooves in the barrel of the .45. The slug, simply stated, is so big that air contact is enough to make it wobble. When the already wobbling bullet strikes

flesh, its uncertain orbit is thrown into total whack, creating a holy mess.

When "Buddy" Walthers saw the bullet he was later to identify as a .45, an unknown man approached him and the city police who were at the scene and told Walthers to "get the fuck out of here" before Walthers picked the bullet up.

This man's identity is still a mystery, but Walthers must have been impressed by the man's credentials. Dallas' deputies don't surrender evidence or take orders unless they are certain that they are dealing with



Unidentified "F.B.I." man walks off with evidence firmly clutched in his left hand while Dallas county and city law officers watch.

higher-ups.

One source says that this man, who Buddy Walthers could identify, if he was alive, may have been a CIA agent with forged Secret Service credentials.

There are a million theories as to who killed Kennedy, why and with what. One that can be safely ruled out now is the Warren Commission's.

It is highly probable that the bullet that killed President

Kennedy was a .45 caliber semi-wadcutter fired from close range. We know other bullets were fired also. Until the autopsy findings are released and double-checked we will never know for sure. It is highly probable that some members of the Dallas Police cooperated by leading the President into what was a shooting gallery in Dealey Plaza that day in November. It is possible that Deputy Walthers could have cleared up much of

the mystery. He was killed and more than likely was the victim of an arranged murder to keep the truth from reaching the people.

We think we know the gun that killed the President. We don't know all the guns that were fired that day.

Suffice to say we think we know where, when, and with what the murder was committed.

What we don't know is by whom and why.

from reliable sources

EX-WARREN COMMISSION STAFFER DEMANDS RE-OPENING KENNEDY CASE

A former staff member of the Warren Commission who is now a judge in Cleveland, Ohio, is calling for a reopening of the investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy.

Judge Burt Griffin, an attorney who questioned dozens of witnesses in the J.F.K. assassination case, says: "The case ought to be reopened... it's all tied in with everything that's been happening in our government for the past 10 years."

Griffin's views are spelled out in the current edition of "Rolling Stone" which contains 10 pages

of stories and photos relating to the 1963 assassination in Dallas.

Judge Griffin states: "I don't think some agencies were candid with us. I never thought the Dallas Police were telling us the entire truth. Never was the F.B.I."

The former Warren Commission staff member says that six months after the investigation began, he wrote out a long memo to the investigation's director asking a series of what he thought were unanswered questions about possible loopholes in the investigation and about Lee Harvey Oswald.

Griffin reports: "We only got answers to two or three of them."

He says that the Warren Commission staff settled for inadequate answers without challenging government agencies. He explains: "To do so, we'd have had to challenge the integrity of the F.B.I. and the C.I.A. back in 1964, that was something we didn't do."

"Rolling Stone" reporter Robert Kaiser reports that Griffin's memo questioning the official version is mysteriously missing from the national archives. ZNS

SPACE-AGE ANSWER SOUGHT IN JOHN KENNEDY MURDER
Photomicrographs and X-ray analysis are reportedly using space-age computer techniques in an attempt to clear up a major

mystery in the assassination of President Kennedy.

New Times magazine reports that Cornell scientists are using computers to analyze the famous "Zapruder Film." The "Zapruder Film" is a home movie of the assassination filmed by Dallas dressmaker Abraham Zapruder who captured most of the assassination sequence on his 8 millimeter movie camera.

The procedure being used at Cornell is known as "image enhancement." "Image enhancement" is a process originally developed to clarify or "clean up" pictures beamed back to Earth by probes in space.

The process employs computers

to clarify otherwise blurry images, often enabling researchers to clearly identify objects in photographs that are badly blurred to the naked eye.

The Cornell photo-analysts are said to be studying one particular frame of the Zapruder film—frame number 413. A number of Warren Commission critics in recent months have claimed that the frame contains a blurred but distinct image of a man pointing a rifle at President Kennedy's motorcade.

The figure in question—if it really is a man—is located on the grassy knoll where many Warren Commission critics believe the fatal shot was fired from.

Lee Harvey Oswald, an alleged lone assassin, was behind the motorcade in a building, and was not on the knoll when the shots were fired. (ZNS)

from reliable sources

POSSIBLE C.I.A. INVOLVEMENT IN KENNEDY ASSASSINATION?
 Senator Frank Church's Senate Committee on Intelligence operations says that it will look into the possibility that the C.I.A. may have been involved in the assassination of President Kennedy.

The Washington Post quotes a committee source as saying that investigators are "sniffing around on the J. F. K. assassination right now."

The Post published a report earlier this year that the C.I.A. had been training a team of riflemen in Florida in the summer of 1963 to assassinate Fidel Castro. President Kennedy personally intervened in that plot, and ordered the guns and weapons seized by the F.B.I.

Investigators are believed to be looking into the possibility that this C.I.A.-trained rifle team might have turned against J. F. K. in revenge. (ZNS)

TIME MAGAZINE ADMITS KENNEDY FILM WAS "NEVER ANALYZED"

Time Incorporated, the owner of the historic "Zapruder film," says it has never had that film of the John Kennedy assassination scientifically analyzed in search for possible new evidence.

The "Zapruder Film" is a home movie of the assassination filmed 11 years ago by a Dallas dressmaker, Abraham Zapruder, who was in the area of Dealey Plaza when the shots were fired at the presidential motorcade.

Immediately after the assassination, the film was purchased from Zapruder by the Time-Life Corporation. The film, which is copyrighted by the corporation, has never been shown publicly with Time's permission.

However, investigators who have seen "bootlegged" copies of the film say that the movie itself disproves the Warren Commission's conclusion that Lee Harvey Oswald was the lone assassin. This is because the film appears to show that President Kennedy was thrown violently backward and to the left as the final shot struck him.

Critics claim that the film demonstrates that the fatal shot came from the front right of the motorcade, from the direction of the grassy knoll. Oswald was located directly behind the limousine, not to the front, when the final shot struck the president.

A spokesman for the Time Corporation admits that, despite the firm's interests in journalism and investigative reporting, it has never subjected the movie to any kind of photo analysis. Time editors say they have never even analyzed the film to try to measure or explain the president's violent movement backwards.

The film today remains locked up in a vault at Time's corporate headquarters in New York. (ZNS)

WARREN REPORT INFLATED—THE COVER-UP GETS

MORE EXPENSIVE
 A sign of the suspicious times we live in is what's happening to the Warren Commission report.

The official Warren Report and 26 volumes of related material were published 11 years ago,

following the assassination of President Kennedy.

When the report was published, only 6,000 full sets were issued by the government printing office—each set selling for \$76.

By February of this year, the price for a full set had climbed to about \$250. Now, according to New Times magazine, with interest in Watergate and alleged C.I.A. assassination plots soaring, the Warren Commission report is suddenly in great demand.

In the past month alone, the price of the Warren Report has jumped from \$250 a set to \$500, New Times says. (ZNS)

ADDITIONAL MILITARY AID REFUSED THIEU GOVERNMENT

The Ford Administration is blaming the military collapse of South Vietnam on the refusal of Congress to grant additional military aid to the Thieu government.

However, Long Island's Newsday newspaper reports that the alleged lack of U.S. weapons and supplies appears to have nothing at all to do with the defeats of Saigon's forces in the field.

According to Newsday, Thieu government forces currently have at least twice as much ammunition and weaponry and at least five times as many armed soldiers in key battle areas as does the other side.

Newsday adds that administration reports that U.S. aid to Saigon is limited to \$700 million is misleading. The newspaper states that in addition to \$700 million in direct American military aid, the U.S. has sold the Saigon government an additional \$1 billion in U.S.-made armaments this year.

What's more, Newsday says, the Pentagon has also been supplying additional U.S. arms and war material to the South through a system of "transfers." The system allows the Pentagon to send supplies to one country and then "transfer" them to South Vietnam.

Newsday says that the White House and Pentagon attempt to picture the Vietnam situation as the North being an overpowering "Goliath" overrunning the tiny "David." The newspaper says: "The facts show that it may instead be a case of a Northern David bullying a Southern Goliath." (ZNS)

PAVING AMERICA WITH ASTRO-TURF—DEADLINE 1985

The U.S. Forest Service has polled experts in biology, the environment, and population dynamics to predict what leisure activity and outdoor life will consist of through the next 75 years.

Here's what the forest service is now predicting:

**By 1985, the number of people permitted to use "wilderness areas" will be restricted, and the government will pay private landowners to open up their land to recreation.

**By 1990, public outdoor areas will be paved with "wear-resistant" footpaths and lines with electronic guide systems and fences. Overnight camping will be limited only to those with reservations.

**By the year 2000, truly artificial outdoor environments will be common—along with gigantic, enclosed all-weather parks and outdoor lighting. Captured endangered wildlife will be featured in these enclosed parks.

**By the year 2050, "the last acre of wilderness land" will be set aside, and human-made islands will have been built to handle recreation needs. (ZNS)

KU KLUX KLAN

MEMBERSHIP BOOMING

Another sign of the bad economic times is the report from the Ku Klux Klan that the K.K.K.'s membership is booming.

National K.K.K. leader Robert Shelton reports that the Klan has recently added "hundreds" of new chapters in the Chicago area alone because of the deteriorating economy.

Shelton explains: "As times get harder, things get better for the Klan." He adds: "This is the most promising time that I've seen in my 25 years of work with the Klan."

Shelton explains that people turn against the government and join protest groups such as the K.K.K. when they are laid off from work.

The K.K.K. leader says: "A lot of people think we're just a bunch of stupid hillbillies. We're not. We're getting doctors, lawyers and big businessmen as members. (ZNS)"

HUEY NEWTON IN CUBA?

Pro basketball star Bill Walton may not know where Patty Hearst is hiding, but he claims to know where Huey Newton has gone.

Walton claims that Newton—the former Black Panther Party leader—is in Cuba. The center for the PORTLAND BLAZERS says he was sitting in the San Francisco office of his attorney, Charles Carry, when a telephone call came through.

Says Walton: "The phone rings. The call was to tell (Carry) that Huey had safely made it to Cuba." (ZNS)

PROSECUTOR QUILTS ATTICA INVESTIGATION—ALLEGES COVER-UP

An assistant special prosecutor in the Attica Prison trials has resigned his post in protest over an alleged "cover-up" in the Attica investigation.

Former prosecutor Malcomb Bell resigned last December, charging that his efforts to investigate crimes on the part of guards and other police were being blocked by state officials.

Bell's letter of resignation which details alleged cover-up activities has been obtained by the New York Times. In that letter, sent to the New York State Attorney General last December, Bell alleges that a full and fair investigation into the Attica Rebellion would result in the indictment of law enforcement officers on murder, manslaughter and assault charges.

Bell, who headed the investigation into police activities at Attica, says that Chief Prosecutor Anthony Simonetti prevented him from presenting evidence which was damaging to police agencies.

Following the Attica uprising, 62 persons—all of them inmates—were indicted on various murder and conspiracy charges. ZNS

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