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Dear Donald,

Suppressed evidence now available for the first time proves Lee Harvey Oswald could not have killed Dallas Patrolman J.D. Tippit.

David Belin, who handled that part of the Warren Commission's work and was responsible for the suppression, also calls the Tippit killing the "Rosetta Stone" of the JFK assassination. Belin headed the Rockefeller Commission for President Ford, who was a Warren Commissioner.

The proof is in the actual tapes of the Dallas police broadcasts that the Warren Commission - and Belin - avoided. Instead they ~~xxx~~ were content with three contradictory and incomplete transcripts, the last made by the FBI.

The actual tape proves that Tippit was killed much earlier than in the official account and at a time when it was impossible for Oswald to have been there to do it.

T.F. Bowley, the most important witness Belin and the Commission never called, was driving to pick his wife up when he came upon the gathering crowd around Tippit's dead body. Bowley looked at his watch. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ It was 1:10 p.m. He then used Tippit's radio to tell the police dispatcher - confirmed by the to-now secret tapes of the police broadcasts.

He then helped load Tippit into the ambulance and continued his trip to pick his wife up.

The official version is that a mechanic, Domingo Benavides made this broadcast, "at about 1:16 p.m." (Report, p. 166)

While even that was before Oswald could have gotten there, it is the official story. The Commission has Oswald leaving his rooming house at 1:03 p.m. Its reconstruction of his time took 17 minutes and 45 seconds, too late for the 1:16 estimate.

Benavides was honest. He volunteered that another man had made the broadcast when Belin personally deposed him. (Vol. 6, p449)

Bowley, too, was honest. He gave the Dallas County Sheriff an affidavit swearing to his account, which includes numerous confirming details.

But Belin and the Commission ignored Bowley entirely, never calling him as a witness although they had his affidavit in their files. They also ignored Benavides' confirmation of Bowley's account.

From the transcript of the police broadcasts it is impossible to distinguish the voices. But on the tape Bowley is clearly heard well before Benavides. The tape confirms Bowley's account as in his affidavit. He can be heard asking and saying what his affidavit says he did. After that broadcast Benavides made another attempt to use the police radio. The accent is clear. So is the dispatcher's telling him they know, to stay off the radio.

Before 1:10 the dead Tippit lay in his own blood. (Pictures available.)

The last person who knew Oswald saw him at a time estimated at seven minutes only before after Tippit was dead. Oswald then had a 16 minute and 45 second trip to make in less than at the most seven minutes.

Beginning when he was standing in a bus stop waiting for the bus going the other way but looping back to the movie in which he was arrested much later.

There never was any proof that ~~as~~ Oswald or his pistol killed Tippit. The FBI said it could not connect the recovered bullets with that gun. The shells carefully dropped to be found by the real assassin do not match the bullets, either. And the very first empty shell found - and also promptly ignored - was from an automatic pistol. ^{It} was a different calibre and automatic bullets cannot be fired from that revolver.

This new evidence also confirms the use of an automatic rather than a revolver. The tapes include the voice of another policeman who had an actual eyewitness with him. That man saw the whole thing and identified the weapon as an automatic.

As the Enquirer disclosed exclusively _____ the bullets connected with Oswald's ~~magnum~~ rifle also were not connected with the actual JFK assassination. One, the so-called "magic bullet," could not have been used in it at all ~~from~~ the evidence that was ~~is~~ suppressed until the Enquirer printed it.

Now in addition to the fact that the bullets that killed Tippit could not be connected to the Oswald pistol there is the certainty that Oswald could not have been where Tippit was killed when he was killed.

Donald, this is off the top of the head. My venous supports do not fit and from time to time, as now, they make me drowsy. But I want to get this off because I have to be away until Saturday beginning Wednesday. I'll be tied up in Washington Monday morning, the fifth, and I have a speech to make here that night. However, if Rod can be in Washington Monday afternoon we can come back together, I can give him more to go over than he'll finish while I'm speaking, and we can resume the next day.

There is more on this. The proof that Oswald could not have been on the sixth floor to be in the sniper's nest when JFK was killed also was suppressed, as Bowley was.

I can flesh this out with names, direct quotes, etc.

In haste,

Harold Weisberg

Afterthought: This tape has never been used. The Commission never had it. They avoided it. There is a scandal in the transcripts, the first of which was practically nothing, the second erroneous and the third incomplete as well.

If the tapes had not been avoided the whole fake could not have been pulled off. There is no mistaking the difference in the voices of Bowley and Benavides and the tape contains exactly what Bowley swore to more than 12 years ago.

I had and used Bowley's affidavit in Post Mortem (p. 493.) But nobody paid attention to it and we have sold few books when they are not in the stores.

The witness who saw Oswald on the first floor, not the sixth, had five or six confirming witnesses with her. I have her affidavit, too. But she also was never called as a witness. Her affidavit was not used in the report.

We can expand this is much as you may want, if you want to.

Benavides' brother was killed not long after the JFK assassination. Some believe the killer intended Benavides, but he had refused to identify Oswald in advance so he was not taken to the police lineup to identify Oswald. He actually told Melin that the man he saw looked like Melin!

Similarly, another man refused to identify Oswald. He was shot the same way, in the head, but survived it with memory restored! This fellow, Reynolds, had a used car lot past which the Tippit assassin went. He had a good look because he'd heard the shots first. It was only a short block away.

With the tape to play the audio use of this as promotion ought be fantastic.

Now if you can get Guinn to complete what he was to have completed last year, there can be an exceptional companion piece. The paraffin tests prove there was no gunpowder residue on Oswald's cheek. The test firings resulted in heavier deposits that were found on the casts made by the Dallas police when later they were subjected to nuclear testing.

I have something to go with this now. I didn't learn the meaning until I had a conference with the FBI last week on another suit I've filed against them.

There was nuclear testing of the rifle shells. I have the results.

The purpose of the testing was to determine if there were residues from the primer.

There were. But there also was a considerable difference in chemical analysis, as I recall about 20%. This addresses whether the shells found in the book's depository were of the same origin as those later recovered, unfired. I think it means that was impossible.