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New Probe Says Oswald Was JFK's Lone Assassin

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One of the largest private investigations into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, using sophisticated computer technology, has concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald was a lone assassin with no credible ties to any conspiracy.

Author Gerald Posner, whose findings will be published by Random House this week in a book called "Case Closed," also contends that he has proven the widely criticized "single bullet" theory that both Kennedy and Texas Governor John Connally were struck by a single bullet that emerged only slightly damaged.

According to excerpts made available by U.S. News & World Report, which is devoting a special issue to the book, Oswald fired only three bullets and took eight seconds to do so, not 4.8 seconds as previously thought — meaning that he had more than enough time to fire his deadly fusillade.

Posner, whose previous research helped to solve the riddle of what happened to Auschwitz death camp doctor Josef Mengele, used the most advanced computer techniques available to analyze the famous film made at the scene by amateur cameraman Abraham Za-

pruder.

Many have used the Zapruder film to buttress the argument that shots were fired from more than one place when Kennedy was killed in a Dallas motorcade on Nov. 22, 1963.

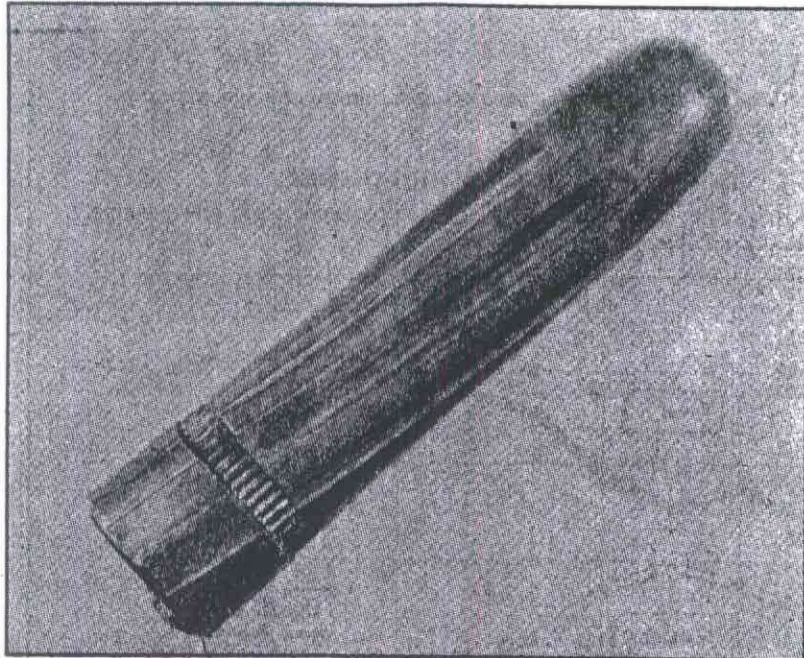
But Posner says that new enhancements and computer animation, coupled with a new assessment of witness accounts, proves that only three shots were fired at the president in Dealey Plaza and that all three came from the Texas Book depository where Oswald was holed up.

The official commission headed by then-U.S. Supreme Court Justice Earl Warren concluded that Oswald was the lone assassin, but this assertion has been challenged repeatedly. A 1978 House Select Committee investigation of the assassination, which cited an analysis that said four bullets were fired, is referred to by conspiracy theorists as evidence that more than one gunman was involved.

Posner describes what he calls "incontrovertible medical, ballistic and scientific evidence" to prove that the second shot fired by Oswald was the single bullet that struck both Kennedy and Connally.

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The bullet that killed President John F. Kennedy; a new book said computers show that only three were fired in the Dallas shooting

examine the evidence, Posner also made an extensive probe of Oswald's life, including interviews with his wife Marina and Yuriy Nosenko, the KGB defector who handled Oswald's case for Soviet intelligence when Oswald defected to the Soviet Union.

Posner details Nosenko's mistreatment at the hands of the CIA, which thought that he was lying when he claimed that Oswald was not a KGB agent, and says that the Russians wanted to get Oswald out of the country.

Marina Oswald told Posner that her husband once tried to kill Richard Nixon and that she had to lock him in a bathroom to stop him from leaving the house with a gun. Posner said that a check of the records showed that Lyndon Johnson was visiting town at the time and not Nixon, although Marina Oswald remembers the name as Nixon.

According to Posner, Oswald was an erratic, unstable man, but "there is nothing that links him to a conspiracy."



The book said 'incontrovertible' evidence supports the conclusion that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone