

apparently I'm not one

fragments. Of course they would match—they are one and the same! At the end of this section Organ writes "An exhumation of the late Governor would resolve nothing for conspiracy buffs intent on distorting the record and contemptuous of professionals respected in their field." It seems obvious who is the buff and who is distorting the record.

BALLISTICS Organ takes issue with my observation that Gerald Posner had arbitrarily slowed down the magic bullet so it could do the deed without the damage. The HSCA firearms panel published the "military factory statistics" for the muzzle velocity of Mannlicher-Carcano ammunition: 2,296 feet per second (7HSCA370-371). But Posner used an arbitrary 2000 ft/second for muzzle velocity and 1700-1800 ft/second when the bullet hit JFK (page 338). Organ quotes ballistics expert Larry Sturdivan testifying "...the muzzle velocity of this bullet varies between 2,000-2,200 feet per second. It will have lost some velocity in traversing some distance. Say at 100 yards it would have about 1800 feet per second velocity." His data is on the low side, too, and the entrance speed is clearly stated for 100 yards. But the distance from the rifle to JFK at Z-313 is only 88 yards (WR108), which means the entrance velocity would be higher. The single bullet theory, according to Posner/Organ, happened at Z- 224 when JFK was only 63 yards away (WR103). The end result is the bullet, now more magical than ever, flew far too fast to emerge from Connally's thigh relatively undamaged; and if the single bullet theory occurred at Z-190, as the HSCA acoustics suggested, the bullet would have been traveling even faster. If Organ had followed the evidence, he could have concluded only that the single bullet theory cannot possibly work with CE399.

After studying the Kennedy assassination since 1975 with some of the skills of an investigative reporter, I have found that most of the people who remain staunchly anti-conspiracy almost always know very little about the facts of the case. They tend to have absolute faith in the people and institutions of government, and an incredible ability to focus only on the information that supports their preconceived conclusions. The Kennedy assassination is far more complex than people like Gerald Posner and Jerry Organ realize, and I'm disappointed when words like these get printed. Perhaps future issues of The Fourth Decade will be limited to points of view based on evidence, not wishful thinking.

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LOOK WHO'S TALKING: THE GERALD POSNER INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

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In an effort to determine a possible bias in the reporting of information regarding the assassination of President John F. Kennedy contained in Gerald Posner's Case Closed (Random House, 1993), it is useful to analyze whom Mr. Posner chose to interview and the stated order in which he did these interviews.

Posner states that "Interviews conducted by the author... are cited as they appear in the Source Notes" (p. 585). However, there are several interviews that are referenced (by date) only in the body of the text, and do not appear in the Source Notes. These interviews are denoted by (*) beside the interview date.

An analysis of Posner's interviews should take into consideration the possibility that he tried to make contact with others who either refused to be interviewed by him or avoided contact with him. For example, Posner does state that Edward J. Epstein (p 46) and Oscar Contreras (p 192) did not return his telephone calls. He did not, however, specify attempted dates of contact with these individuals, nor does he refer to any other denied access to potential interviewees. Also there may be the possibility that Posner did interview other people but elected not to report it. [1] However, because of the lack of data provided regarding these two possibilities, they are outside the scope of this analysis.

THE POSNER INTERVIEW SCHEDULE:

UNDATED INTERVIEW WITH UN-NAMED "INTELLIGENCE SOURCE"

JANUARY 1992

- 17 DAVID WRONE (researcher/archivist)
- 19 RONALD FISCHER (Dealey witness: saw sniper in TSBD that could fit LHO's description)
- 19 AMOS EUINS (Dealey witness: 3 shots from TSBD S.E. window, saw sniper & rifle)
- 19 HAROLD NORMAN (Dealey witness: heard 3 rifle bolt actions & shells hitting floor from TSBD 6th fl)
- 19 JAMES TAGUE (Dealey witness: hit with concrete from a missed shot, important to the single bullet theory [SBT])
- 19 CARL DAY (J.C.) (DPD witness: photographed TSBD "crime

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scene", id'd LHO's prints on TSBD 6th fl boxes & the rifle)

20 **2nd interview** JAMES TAGUE (hit with concrete from a missed shot, important to SBT)

21 DR. MICHAEL BADEN (HSCA Forensics Panel chrm: pro-SBT, stated there is no medical evidence of a shot from the front)

22 ROBERT BLAKEY (HSCA chief counsel: believes LHO did it but also that the mob was complicit in conspiracy)

23 BURT GRIFFIN (WC counsel: investigated Ruby, WC conclusion states no Ruby conspiracy or connections to LHO)

23 **2nd interview** DR. MICHAEL BADEN (pro-SBT)

23 BILL ROEMER (former FBI agent: believes there was no mob conspiracy involving Ruby)

28 **3rd interview** DR. MICHAEL BADEN (pro-SBT)

29 BILL ALEXANDER (Dallas Assist. DA: believes LHO did it & that Ruby was not mob connected)

30 ED LOPEZ (HSCA attorney: doesn't believe LHO was in Mexico City)

FEBRUARY 1992

1* **2nd interview** DAVID WRONE p 298 (researcher/archivist)

1 **4th interview** DR. MICHAEL BADEN (pro-SBT)

4 DR. CYRIL WECHT (HSCA forensics panel: does not believe SBT)

6 DR. JOHN LATTIMER (researcher: pro-WC, believes SBT, LHO did it)

6 **2nd interview** ED LOPEZ (does not believe LHO was in Mexico City)

21 ART PENCE (non-witness: Posner's "competitions firearm expert" who feels there is no problem with 3 shots on target from TSBD 6th fl in time allotted)

23 GARY MACK (researcher: believes in conspiracy & LHO innocence; doesn't believe SBT)

MARCH 1992

* (no specific day noted) JIM BOWLES p 328 (DPD acoustic witness: refutes HSCA acoustic evidence of shots recorded in Dealey)

2 DAVE PERRY (researcher: debunker of "myths", sometimes critical of research community)

2 RUTH PAJNE (LHO witness: gave WC testimony damaging to LHO)

3 ROBERT KNOWLES (non-witness/Dallas Sheriff)

3 H.B. McLAIN (mis-spelled McClain; Dealey witness: DPD

motorcycle officer in motorcade; doesn't believe it was his mike that was open- thus refuting HSCA acoustical conclusion of knoll shot)

3 DR. "PEPPER" JENKINS (Parkland witness: changed his statements about wound since his WC testimony to conform more with WC conclusions, JAMA interviewee, critical of Dr. McClelland & Dr. Crenshaw)

4 JIM MOORE (author: pro-WC, LHO did it alone)

5 DR. ADOLPHE GIESECKE (Parkland witness)

6 **2nd interview** BILL ALEXANDER (LHO did it/Ruby not mob)

6 JOHN CRAWSON (Dealey witness: postal worker in Terminal Annex 3 shots, saw no evidence of shots from knoll)

6 BERNIE SCHRAM (Dealey witness: postal worker in Terminal Annex 3 shots, saw no evidence of shots from knoll)

6 FRANCINE BURROWS (Dealey witness: heard 3 shots-all from TSBD, saw no evidence of shots from knoll)

7 JIM LEAVELLE (LHO & Ruby witness: DPD)

8 DANNY ARCE (Dealey witness: TSBD employee, feels shots came from the right front of limo)

8 TOM WEAVER (Dealey witness: postal worker, in Terminal Annex, 3 shots, saw no evidence of shots from knoll)

8 DR. JIM CARRICO (Parkland witness: changed his statements regarding position of head wound from posterior/occipital to right side/parietal-occipital, JAMA interviewee, critical of Dr. Crenshaw)

8 **2nd interview** DAVE PERRY (debunker of "myths")

8* ROBERT GEMBERLING p284 (Dallas FBI agent: pro-WC, LHO did it)

9 **2nd interview** DANNY ARCE (shots came from the right front)

9 JOHN LANNE (New Orleans witness: friend and attorney of Banister; anti-Garrison)

9 DR. ROBERT McCLELLAND (Parkland witness: places large head wound in right posterior as an exit wound)

9 **2nd interview** JIM MOORE (author: pro-WC, LHO did it alone)

10 DR. PAUL PETERS (Parkland witness: has changed his statements regarding head wound position from low rear/occipital to side & higher)

10 **2nd interview** DR. "PEPPER" JENKINS (changed statements to conform with WC)

11 DR. ROBERT SHAW (Parkland witness: Connally surgeon, didn't believe SBT)

11 2nd interview JIM LEAVELLE (LHO & Ruby witness: DPD)

12 DR. CHARLES BAXTER (Parkland witness: JAMA interviewee, critical of Dr. Crenshaw)

12 3rd interview BILL ALEXANDER (LHO did it/Ruby not mob)

13 3rd interview JIM MOORE (author, pro-WC, LHO did it alone)

13 4th interview BILL ALEXANDER (LHO did it/Ruby was not mob)

14 5th interview BILL ALEXANDER (LHO did it/Ruby was not mob)

15 ALVIN BEAUBOEUF (New Orleans witness: CIA/anti-Castro Cuban connection, anti-Garrison)

16 CARLOS BRINGUIER (LHO New Orleans witness: CIA/anti-Castro Cuban connection, anti-Garrison)

16 FRANCIS MARTELLO (LHO witness: New Orleans Police Dept, described LHO as "little emotion... completely aloof")

16 6th interview BILL ALEXANDER (LHO did it/Ruby was not mob)

17 IRVIN DYMOND (Clay Shaw defense attorney, anti-Garrison)

17 CYNTHIA WEGMANN (non-witness: daughter of Clay Shaw defense attorney, anti-Garrison)

17 DELPHINE ROBERTS (LHO witness: New Orleans, daughter of Banister's secretary/lover who saw LHO in office)

19 LAYTON MARTENS (New Orleans associate of Ferrie & Beauboeuf, CIA/anti-Castro Cuban connection)

20 2nd interview IRVIN DYMOND (anti-Garrison)

20 ADRIAN ALBA (LHO witness: New Orleans garage, LHO did it)

20 WARREN deBRUEYS (LHO witness: New Orleans FBI agent, involved with Banister & Ferrie)

24 HUBIE BADEAUX (New Orleans Police Intelligence, close friend of Banister, pro-WC)

29 ROBERT KRAUS (non-witness: Posner's "firearms expert")

APRIL 1992

2 DR. MALCOLM PERRY (Parkland witness: placed head wound in right parietal occipital, JAMA interviewee, critical of Dr. Crenshaw)

3 GERALD NADLER (non-witness: Washington Times reporter, pro-WC)

5 2nd interview GERALD NADLER (non-witness: reporter,

pro-WC)

8 TONY ZOPPI (Ruby witness: DMN entertainment reporter, works for casinos, believes there was no Ruby conspiracy & that Ruby was not mob connected)

11 2nd interview RUTH PAINE (WC testimony damaging to LHO)

11 MICHAEL PAINE (LHO witness: LHO did it)

14*3rd interview RUTH PAINE p347 (WC testimony damaging to LHO)

14 DR. RONALD C. JONES (Parkland witness: large exit wound in back side of the head)

15 TRAVIS LINN (WFAA-Radio reporter: was at Trade Mart, had recording of events in Dealey but it was erased by mistake)

16 DR. BILL MIDGETT (Parkland witness: helped push JFK gurney from limo to trauma room)

18 4th interview RUTH PAINE (gave WC testimony damaging to LHO)

18 2nd interview MICHAEL PAINE (LHO witness: LHO did it)

29*BRIAN LITMAN (non-witness: literary representative for Nechiporenko and Kostikov; Posner based Nechiporenko information on this interview; p 183)

MAY 1992

23 2nd interview DR. JOHN LATTIMER (pro-WC/SBT, LHO did it)

27 JOHN CONNALLY (Dealey witness: LHO did it, did not believe SBT but Posner says that after he explained things to Connally, he changed his mind)

31*ANTHONY SUMMERS p 141 (author: believes there was a conspiracy)

AUGUST 1992

21 MARINA OSWALD PORTER (LHO witness: WC & HSCA testimony was very damaging to LHO; however, recently she has stated LHO was innocent)

23 5th interview RUTH PAINE (gave WC testimony damaging to LHO)

SEPTEMBER 1992

1 YURI NOSENKO (LHO witness: KGB officer with CIA connection, believes LHO was not a U.S. intelligence agent)

8 6th interview RUTH PAINE (gave WC testimony damaging to LHO)

28 3rd interview DAVE PERRY (researcher: debunker of

"myths")

29 PRISCILLA (JOHNSON) McMILLAN (LHO witness: author, LHO did it)

OCTOBER 1992

4 2nd interview MARINA OSWALD PORTER (LHO witness)

12 UN-NAMED FBI SOURCE

NOVEMBER 1992

2 DR. JAMES HUMES (Bethesda witness: believes SBT)

4* 2nd interview DR. JAMES HUMES p 301 (believes SBT)

5 FRANCIS O'NEILL (Bethesda witness: FBI agent)***

6 DR. MICHAEL WEST (pro-WC, believes SBT)

7 2nd interview DR. MICHAEL WEST (pro-WC, believes SBT)

9 Robert Piziali, PhD. (Failure Analysis, V.P.: Posner presents only his ABA "LHO did it/SBT" demonstration)

17 EARL RUBY (Ruby's brother: does not believe Jack was part of a conspiracy)

17 2nd interview TONY ZOPPI (believes Ruby was not mob)

19 2nd interview EARL RUBY (no Ruby conspiracy)

19 3rd interview TONY ZOPPI (believes Ruby was not mob)

23 4th interview TONY ZOPPI (believes Ruby was not mob)

30 2nd interview HUBIE BADEAUX (Police Intelligence, pro-WC)

DECEMBER 1992

1 JIM LESAR (archivist/head of AARC)

8 3rd interview MARINA OSWALD PORTER (LHO witness)

11 MILTON BRENER (author: anti-Garrison)

13 4th interview DAVE PERRY (researcher: debunker of "myths")

14 ERNST TITOVETS (LHO witness: USSR friend)

JANUARY 1993

15 HILLEL SILVERMAN (Ruby witness: Rabbi, believes there was no Ruby conspiracy)

22 2nd interview MILTON BRENER (author: anti-Garrison)

MAY 1993

24*5th interview DAVE PERRY p 398 (debunker of "myths")

ANALYSIS OF INTERVIEWS CITED:

A= interviewees who supported or confirmed (prior to the dates of Posner's interviews) any or all of the following: LHO as shooter, SBT, refutation of HSCA acoustical evidence of a knoll shot, Ruby was not mob, and/or anti-Garrison investigation

B= interviewees that do not support any item mentioned in A

C= interviewees that do not clearly fall within the stated guidelines for A or B [2]

	A	B	C
# of Interviewees (72)	47	8	17
% of total Interviewees	65.3%	11.1%	23.6%
# of individual interviews conducted (111)	75	11	25
% of total individual interviews conducted	67.6%	9.9%	22.5%
# of references to interviews (316)	227	20	69
% of total references to interviews	70.9%	6.3%	21.8%

PERSONS INTERVIEWED MORE THAN ONCE:

aa= # of individual interviews conducted with person named
bb= # of references to interviews

Category A	aa	bb		aa	bb
Alexander	6	8	Humes	2	2
R. Paine	6	8	Lattimer	2	6
Baden	4	9	Nadler	2	3
Zoppi	4	8	M. Paine	2	9
Moore	3	4	E. Ruby	2	17
Badeaux	2	4	Tague	2	2
Brener	2	10	West	2	10
Dymond	2	2			
Total 15 persons				43	102

Category B	aa	bb	Category C	aa	bb
Arce	2	2	Dave Perry	5	5
Wrone	2	2	M. Oswald	3	6
Lopez	2	3	Dr. Jenkins	2	11
			Leavelle	2	2
Totals: 3	6	7	Totals: 4	12	24

INTERVIEWEES/INTERVIEW REFERENCES CITED 3 OR MORE TIMES: [3]

Category A: Nosenko 45, E. Ruby 17, Bringuier 12, Brener 10, Baden 9, Day 9, M. Paine 9, Alexander 8, R. Paine 8, Zoppi 8, Lattimer 6, West 6, Pence 5, Badeaux 4, Beauboeuf 4, deBrueys

4, McLain 4, Moore 4, Roemer 4, Nadler 3, Norman 3,

Category B: Lopez 3

Category C: Jenkins 11, Baxter 8, Jones 6, M. Oswald 6, Dr. Perry 6, D. Perry 5, Titovets 5, Lesar 4, O'Neill 4, Roberts 4, Giesecke 4, Carrico 3

It is obvious to even the most casual student of the assassination that the above total interviewees hardly represents a random sampling of available sources in that there are glaring omissions of contact with easily located, important witnesses and assassination scholars. Indeed, this same casual student could reach no other conclusion than that aired by Posner if limited solely to the interviews cited and, particularly, to the chronological order in which they were conducted. Many of the uninterviewed witnesses and scholars present information contrary to Posner's thesis (viz. LHO did it alone from the TSBD 6th floor in three shots). These factors must be considered in determining a possible bias in Posner's work regarding the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Perhaps, a more appropriate title for this article might be "Look Who's NOT Talking" through the many pages of Posner's Case Closed.

Notes

1. On 11/17/93, Posner testified before the Legislation and Security Subcommittee of the Committee on Government Operations hearings on the effectiveness of Public Law 102-526 (JFK Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992.) He stated, "I conducted nearly 200 interviews with primary witnesses..." As revealed in this article, Mr. Posner only reported on 111 interviews with 72 individuals in Case Closed. Of the 72 individuals interviewed, 16 may not fall into the category of "primary witnesses."

2. Itemized with each name that comprises Category C is the number of individual interviews conducted with that person: Lesar 1, Marina Oswald 3, Midgett 1, Titovets 1, Dave Perry 5, Knowles 1, Leavelle 2, Linn 1, O'Neill 1, Roberts 1, Jones 1, Giesecke 1, Jenkins 2, Carrico 1, Peters 1, Baxter 1, Dr. Perry 1. It should also be noted that, although the following doctors fall into Category C, they had been very critical of Dr. McClelland and/or Dr. Charles Crenshaw prior to the Posner interview: Baxter, Carrico, Jenkins, Perry.

3. The following interviewees were cited twice: Category A: Dymond, Humes, Silverman, Tague, un-named intelligence source Category B: Arce, Shaw, Wecht, Wrone; Category C: Leavelle, Linn, Midgett, Peters. All remaining interviewees were only cited in Source Notes once.

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YOU CAN'T CLOSE A CASE IF YOU CAN'T COUNT

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Heretofore, I have remained silent with respect to the facts alleged to be the ultimate, final gospel as presented in Case Closed. I have kept this silence for two reasons: first, I hate waiting on long lines; secondly, I have tried to make it my practice to avoid truly bizarre JFK assassination theories.

Now, almost a year since Case Closed reared its ugly head, it has been bashed thousands of times by countless critics who, in fact, do know more about the res gestae of Dallas, Texas, on November 22, 1963, and who will not close the case until we have found the absolute truth. If this sounds like a negative commentary on Case Closed, it will get worse when the critics get to Chapter Two and the subsequent pages of Mr. Posner's work.

Critics have, in fact, analyzed literally every sentence of the work under scrutiny, and where Posner has given an opinion cum fact, he is criticized by people who are giving their opinions cum facts. The truth is not always well served by this process.

I shall now begin my examination of the sentence I have taken for my text, and I promise to stick to the facts. You may check them as your eyesight persists, or if you read "The Warren Omission" chapter in my next book, Blue Death, Red Patsy, White Lies, or a monograph which expands on that chapter and will keep the name The Warren Omission.

On page 411 of Case Closed, the Warren Commission's failures are simplistically explained away: "Since all the Commissioners had full time careers, [one wonders what Allen Dulles' was...] they could only spend part of their time at the hearings. Senator Russell had the poorest attendance, hearing only six percent [sic] of the testimony. Only three of the seven commissioners heard more than half the testimony."

Therein, Mr. Posner clearly demonstrates the shallowness of his "research," the gullability he anticipated in his readers (not surprising in Warren Report believers), and his willingness to pass off pedantry as scholarship.

I have told many folks that I have read the 26 volumes of the Hearings and Exhibits three times, but I haven't requested notice in The Guinness Book. I do, however, assert that when I counted every question put to every witness, and analyzed

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