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Letter to Editor*

direction while Mr. Hicks headed for Mr. Kennedy. Also, the car in which JFK was shot could be an important factor in which you could prove that he was shot from the front as well. If the bullet that struck Mr. Kennedy was indeed from the front with the force you describe, there should be little or no blood stains towards the front of the car. Instead, it should all be towards the back. If he was struck from behind, the back of the front seat as well as the whole car-front should be splattered and stained with blood. If the Warren Commission expects me or any other sensible person to believe what they said, I truly have my doubts about the future of the American way of life. One more thing that I'd like to point out and to get some information on: if JFK had been shot from behind at a right angle, the bullet would be traveling downwards through his skull and most likely be imbedded in the front of the car. Where is the car that President Kennedy was killed in?—David R., N.J.

#### The Umbrella Man

There is one thing that puzzled me on the reading of your October issue article on the JFK conspiracy that I want to know. On page 89, you said that Mr. James Hicks was the possible communications man that set up the shots for the killing of the late president. But I noticed one important thing about the man with the umbrella and Mr. Hicks. Both were almost, if not directly, in front of each other, give or take a few feet. But it seems odd to me that after the fatal shot the umbrella man closed his umbrella and went in an opposite

*You are quite right about the significance of the fact that Jim Hicks, the JFK murder "communications man," and the "umbrella man" stood right across the street from each other. It is also important to note that the President was killed at a point almost between them. It was Jones Harris, a lawyer and JFK assassination researcher, who identified and talked with Hicks. Hicks told Jones that he had been the "communications man."*

*The "umbrella man" is another story. He arrived at the scene early. Many pictures show this clearly. Then as the President's car rounded the corner from Houston Street to Elm Street the "umbrella man" raised his umbrella and opened it (on a sunny day) over his head. The umbrella may have been used as a signal or it may have contained an ingenious weapon as R.B. Cutler points out in his new book, The Umbrella Man. (Cutler's book is published by Bett's and Mirror Press, Danvers, Massachusetts*

*Photo analysis shows that the umbrella had a strange "button-hole" aperture in the front. Cutler believes it possible that an unusual weapon was rigged to fire through that hole at the President.*

*So much for that. Your second point is equally valid. The President's blood and other matter did fly to the rear. Bone fragments and blood splattered on the two motorcycles and patrolmen who were to the left, rear side of the car so that one of the patrolmen thought he had been hit by bullet fragments and so reported.*

*Those famous pictures of Jackie Kennedy climbing onto the back of the car show her trying to recover pieces of the President's skull. She was not "crawling away" as some would have us believe.—L. Fletcher  
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