

Dear Mr. Quagliata,

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The number of dependable sources on the JFK assassination is few. Many of the books are entirely undependable, and these include some of the more persuasive. By now a large number of records is available in the FBI's reading room, most because I have obtained them in FOIA litigation. Much of what has been published is not original in those books and too often those writers provide too much of what they imagine as fact. So it is not easy to refer you to dependable sources.

Without dependable sources available to you I cannot recommend areas that require further investigation. although there are many.

By the time you have read all my books you will have a pretty good idea of what is known, as distinguished from what is theorized or imagined. You then will also have a better idea of areas you might want to try to pursue on your own.

As you will see in my writing, I believe Bullet 399 cannot bear the load the official investigators packed on it. It is possible that the bullet ~~was~~ planted. I don't believe the official story. Nobody was able to duplicate the shooting attributed to Oswald, a duffer at his best.

I also believe that more than 3 shots were fired.

Your complaint about my writing is justified. I have had no choice but to publish rough drafts. However, I am not aware of any serious factual error in any of my writing. The problems with Post Mortem were even more serious because I wrote it over a period of years. As soon as it was in the hands of the printer I was hospitalized. Since then my limitations have been greater.

Good luck to you in your studies and

best wishes,

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Dear Mr. Weisberg;

My name is Joseph Quagliata and I don't know if you remember me or not but I gave you a telephone call some months back in regard to the assassination of John F. Kennedy. The reason that I am writing to you is because I have some questions about the assassination of J.F.K. which I think you could answer. Also I was wondering if you could tell me if they are any new lead or areas which have not been investigated? Also where I could get more information concerning the assassination.

My first question about the assassination is with bullet 399. The question is Mr. Weisberg is it possible that the bullet found on the stretcher in Parkland Hospital could have been the one to cause all of the damage to Gov. Connally and also go through J.F.K. I know this bullet was found on the wrong stretcher but could it have fallen out of Gov. Connally's thigh on the way to the operating room and somebody picked it and put it on the stretcher with all the blood figuring the Secret Service or the F.B.I. would take a quick look at the stretcher. Bullet 399 was supposed to have been the bullet that (I believe) went through the President's back entering from the third vertebrae going through his neck and entering Gov. Connally's back smashing 5" off of his rib exited through his right nipple (below the right nipple) and go through his wrist and finally lodge in his wrist. This sounds totally impossible to a layman like me but in your opinion Mr. Weisberg is it at all possible even if by a minute chance this occurred? Finally with regards to the bullet (if I understand what I read in your book ~~FRAME~~ POST MORTEM) in President Kennedy's chest in which the doctors said it must have fallen out of his chest during cardiac massage. Do you believe this Mr. Weisberg.

Now Mr. Weisberg in regards to the rifle in which supposedly OSWALD fired three shots in 5.6 seconds. Could this Italian-made rifle fire 3 shots in that amount of time with a marksman like OSWALD? I do not believe that this is possible, but then again what do I know I am only a h.s. senior. In your honest and professional opinion could this be done with a marksman



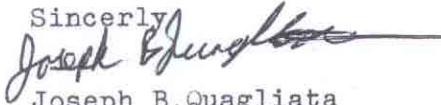
like Oswald if he practice every day lets say for six months? Also do you beleive that three shots were fired? I do not, I beleive that 5 shots were fired all together 3 from the T.S.B.D. and 2 were fired from the grassy knoll area. Mr.Weisberg do you beleive that Officer J.D. Tippit had anything to do with the assassination?

Mr.Weisberg I was sort of hoping that you might be able to tell me were I could get more infromation and documents. I alkrady wrote to the C.I.A. & F.B.I. and the National Archives. Could you please suggest some other places where I could write to get information on the assassination of J.F.K.?

Also let me congradulate you on your excellent book POST MORTEM. I have not completly finished reading it but I am on part lll. I am very much hooked on the book. May I suggest something to you the next time you write a book, know this is just an opion, but dont make it so complicated POST MORTEM is a excellent book, ~~and~~ like I said before. It is very confu-sing though and boring., I understand what you are saying the majority of the time but other times I may have to read a paragraph or a chapter more then once to completly understand what you are trying, to say. I have also skim read the rest of your books on the Kennedy assassination your WHITE\* WASH series. I had to check them out from my high school library and did not have enough time to read them through. I was wondering if you could send me your prices for those books because what I read of them they were some of the better books I have read on the assassination.

Thank you very much for taking your time and reading this letter. Forgive my typing errors but this is an old typewriter and it is 2:00am in the morning. I sincerly hope that you write many more books on this subject and they all are best sellers. Like I said before your books are alot better then some other books I read about the assas-ination Thanks once again.

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P.S. I am 18yrs old and I am also a high school Senior goin to Greenway H.S. in Phoenix.