

2/4/70

Dear Harold(carbon to Dick),

I have some time now so I'd like to write on some matters which are not immediately important.

I note in your 1/27 that you have a Maniya-Secor which I could have used. Although you have no close-up lenses for it, mine would hve been fine; it's a shame that I didn't know about this before I came. If yur camera is a single lens reflex, then I don't need all the elaborate equipment which I use with my camera. If you don't mind me using your camera, then I will bring film the next time I come and take you up on your generous offer to copy your stuff. With a single lens reflex I will be able to do the exact kind of work that I can't do with my own view finder.

If you remember, we talked a little about what yu say about officer Baker in WWII. After reviewing it, I think it does not destroy his crēdibility at all. It just shows that he is not particularly cognizant of details and probably does not understand the significance of some of the thngs he is saying--while in some of his affidavits(and these may not be his own words) he is vague on some details or even leaves many out, I really don't think he would be aware of their significance.

There is more on ths, however. As I said there, the time recon-struction rests almost solely on Baker's movements prior to meeting up with Truly. And the reconstruction of this was based on these movements as Baker remembered them; they could easily be subject to innocent error. The time it took during the recon. for B to arrive at the TSBD entrance was 15 seconds(7H593). Now, that is awfully fast. Both Bill Shelly and Billy Lovelady thought that B did not arrive there until 3 minutes after the shots--although they admitted they could be wrong. On the other hand, Joe Molina said that Truly ran into the main entrance 15 to 20 secs after the shots.

There is a big contradiction here. Shelly and Lovelady both said that Gloria Calvary ran up to them after the shots and that the 3 of tem started running toward the parking lot when they saw Truly and B run into the TSBD. Gloria was standing near the Stemmons sign during the shooting and it seems unlikely that she could have gotten to the main entrance in less than the 15 secs it took Baker to get there according to reconstruction. However, Molina siad that Truly ran into the building before Gleria got there. His description of what happened with her and the two other men exactly fits what they siad happened except for when she arrived. She was not called as a witness and her FBI statement just say that she went to her office after the shots. Also Jim Towner's picture after the assass was taken very shortly aftr the shots(within one minute) and Gloria is gone by then.

If you or Dick know of anything else which bears on this, please let me know. This could make it physically possible for LHO to have fired the shots. Of course, the possibility is so remote-- and even if he could have, it doesn't mean he did--especialy in light of so much else.

All for now, Good luck.

Howard