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Cal is a clean-cut, well-mannered and serious-minded boy who just entered high school.

He is 15 years old. He wrote and asked if he could come, with his mother, I said they could and they were here 10/8 and 9/1995. He gave me this. Not bas for a boy. She is a pleasant woman. She drives trucks for a living, delivering new trucks. I left him copy whatever he wanted and I answered his questions.

to Mr Weisberg
A Rough draft of
my book.

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JFK: EXPOSING
THE COVERUP

by

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Chapter 1

D A L L A S

It was raining out early in the morning of November 22, 1963. President John F. Kennedy was going to take an open top motorcade through downtown Dallas. Kennedy's car flowed down Main Street, then took a right on Houston, then a left on Elm. The time was 12:30 p.m. Just then shots rang out at President Kennedy's car. Kennedy reacted, then fell onto Mrs. Kennedy's lap. The car sped away to Parkland Memorial Hospital.

On TV it was reported that in Dallas three shots were fired at President Kennedy's motorcade and the first report said that the President had been seriously wounded. At the hospital it was said that Kennedy was hit by three bullets: one in the back, one in the neck, and another in the head. The doctors did what they could to save President Kennedy's life but at one p.m. the President died.

The world was in shock that the President of the United States of America was killed. A week later, President Johnson approved a committee to investigate the Kennedy assassination. It was called the Warren Commission. The Commission did what they could to investigate the death of John F. Kennedy. A few weeks later The Commission came out with a report on JFK's death. It was called the Warren Commission Report. In that report it is said that one man did the shooting; one man named Lee Harvey Oswald firing from the 6th floor of the Texas Book Depository.

Chapter 2

THE START OF MY INVESTIGATION

I was in the 5th grade at Roosevelt School in Janesville, Wisconsin in 1991. I was in Social Studies Class and my teacher said that we were going to study the assassination of John F. Kennedy. I was kind of kind of interested but kind of not interested, too.

The next day we started. My teacher said that one man from a building called The Texas Book Depository fired three shots in six seconds and hit Kennedy in the back and through the neck and wounded Governor Connally who was riding with him. Then there was the third shot in the head. Something did not sound right about that. Something stood out that just could not be right. Even though I knew something was wrong I really didn't pay that much attention to it. So any way I just listened and the more she talked the more it did not make sense.

Mrs. Spinter, who was my teacher at the time, said that Oswald shot Kennedy and no one else was involved in the assassination. Now that really did not sound right. Now I knew there was something wrong. But the more I thought of it the more I realized there was nothing a kid who was only 12 years old could really do about the assassination.

The next day the class watched a video on JFK. After school I went to the library to look up the Warren Commission Report my teacher told us about. I sat at a table and read some of the report. About 100 pages later I knew something was covered up somehow. I checked out the Warren Commission Report.

I can't remember which volume it was. I got to the part where The Commission talked about the shots. The Commission says that the first shot missed, then the second shot hit Kennedy in the back, and then the bullet, the same bullet, exited through his neck, then turned right, then left and went into Connally's back and then exited his chest, then turned right again and went into his wrist, then made a "U turn" and went into Connally's left leg. The third shot hit Kennedy in back of the head and came out in the front right. Now definitely I knew something was wrong.

How did I know there had to be more than one gunman? How could a bullet hit someone in the back and then it comes out his neck and goes into someone else and comes out in pristine condition? The next day in school we did not talk about JFK or anything that had something to do with the assassination. I wondered why. Even the next day after that we still did not talk about it. I still wondered why? Then Mrs. Spinter said that we were done with the JFK study. That kid of bugged me but she was in charge. So anyway I let go of the assassination and decided to get on with my life.

Chapter 3

THE NEW START

Fifth grade was finally over and it was summer vacation. I was excited about it. It was 1992 and a new movie was out. It was called JFK. I thought about going to see it but I didn't. I just thought it would make me start up on Kennedy again and I really didn't want that. Since the fact that I already looked in on the assassination and kind of got hooked on it, I had to force myself not to go see that movie.

A few months later JFK was out on video cassette so I decided to rent the movie and see what it was all about. After the movie was over I went to my backyard to think. I wondered if the government was really involved like Kevin Costner said in the movie JFK. The next day I watched the movie again and got a little more out of it. I kinda believed it but also kinda had a hard time understanding all of it. I took the movie back to the video store and went and got a book on the assassination.

This would be my first book on the subject. The book was called Best Evidence by David Litten. I found that book pretty interesting but that book just really told about how the body of Kennedy was altered. I found that pretty interesting, too, and by now was carrying around that book wherever I went. Even when we went out to eat I would have it with me. I just got hooked on the assassination again!

Chapter 4

LETTING GO

Sixth grade was starting in two days and I was busy working on the assassination. But now with only two days of vacation left I decided not to think about Kennedy anymore. As 6th grade went on I found myself more and more each day thinking less and less about the JFK assassination. Well with the homework and hanging out with my friends I just didn't have time.

Toward the end of 6th grade I forgot almost everything I knew about JFK but it still just seemed to be in part of my mind. Now it was finally summer vacation and I was cleaning out some of my things from my junk drawer when I found my book on JFK. I started looking at it again. But I just did not really want this burden on me at this time. I mean I was only 13 years old. But then I thought to myself that since I had started on my investigation once, I should keep going. But the reason I didn't want to study the assassination is that no matter what I found out or what I found that was covered up or just a plain lie, I could not do anything about it. That's why I kept letting go. So I am going to start again, this time for real.

Chapter 5

THE REAL NEW START

During the summer I was watching the movie JFK and when it got to the courtroom scene where it showed the Zapruder film (that's the famous video of the shooting taped by a bystander) I saw how President Kennedy was thrown back and to his left when he was hit in the head. Then I realized that there had to be a conspiracy and the fatal shot did come from the front. Now I decided to start buying more books on JFK. I just needed more information on the assassination.

My mom and I went up to Madison to the bookstore and I bought Mark Lane's Rush To Judgement. After I was done reading Mr. Lane's book I knew a lot more. Now I started getting deeper and deeper into the Kennedy assassination. A few weeks later I bought the movie movie JFK and now that I have the movie and some books on the assassination I better start looking in on it.

The more I read the more I learned that the CIA killed President Kennedy. I always know or had a feeling that Oswald did not pull the trigger on November 22, 1963.

The third book I got was On The Trail Of The Assasins. The man who wrote this book is the main reason why I started taking the Kennedy assassination very, very seriously. The author's name is Jim Garrison. His book tol a lot. Garrison told how Lee Harvey Oswald was not involved in the assassination

of JFK. Mr. Garrison tells about how the CIA was involved and also the FBI. I myself even know that Oswald did not do the shooting. When I saw the Zapruder film I knew that Oswald did not shoot Kennedy. I knew that the last shot came from the front.

What I still could not figure out was why did the government try to cover up the assassination. So many people in Dealy Plaza said that they heard shots come from the "grassy knoll" in front of Kennedy and not the Book Depository building. A few weeks later I bought a couple of videos on the assassination and in these videos it had the Zapruder film. Now I have my own copy of the film. I have movies, books, pictures and the Zapruder film. Now here is when most of my life gets taken over by the assassination of John F. Kennedy.

I really didn't talk about what I was doing but I started to talk later on. I just said a little to my grandma and my parents and sometimes even my friends. I got a big picture of Dealy Plaza. Then I started wondering about how many shots did come from the grassy knoll. I even wondered if any shots did come from the Book Depository. The movie JFK said there were six shots and a few shots came from the Dal-Tex Building which had a clear view of Elm Street where the limo was. Six shots do make sense and do match up to the Zapruder film but the time span between the shots had to be pretty fast.

Chapter 6

FINDING NEW INFORMATION

The beginning of the 7th grade was here and this time I did not give up on JFK but I kept going. My 7th grade teacher was named Mrs. Murray. She was a cool teacher. I talked to her about JFK all the time and she listened, too, all the time.

One time when I was in the 6th hour language class this one kid thought he knew everything about JFK and his assassination. I didn't believe him so I told him that he was wrong. Mrs. Murray had a ball trying to break us apart but it was not a fight fight, it was just an argument. Mrs. Murray told us that we should have a debate on the assassination. I told her "OK" and so did the other kid. The class was over and I was just thinking on how I could prove the other kid wrong. I thought I might have a little challenge from him but didn't think of it really.

When I got home I started preparing for my big day. I started reading my book and writing my paper up for the debate. I got my photographs ready to show and my papers ready for the next day when I discussed that there might have been a shot fired from the Dal-Tex Building because of the position Kennedy was in and the fact that when he grabbed his throat he moved forward right away. Anyway I couldn't worry about it now because it was late and I had to get rest. The next day was my big debate and I was ready for it.

I could not even get to sleep that night. All I could

focus on was "The Debate." I didn't know how prepared the other kid was. I was hoping that he did not have too many good facts. I knew he thought only one man did the shooting. And he said that Oswald did kill the President. Since I believed that there was a conspiracy and there was more than one shooter and the fatal shot did come from the grassy knoll I figured, either way, if I win or lose, the truth would be with me.

Chapter 7

T H E B I G D E B A T E

At 6th hour language class on September 16, 1993 the debate began. Luke began. He said that Oswald shot Kennedy from the Book Depository. Right away I lost my patience with this guy. Luke also said that he thinks Oswald did it because in the 6th floor window there were three shells found.

Then it was my turn. I started talking about the Zapruder film. Luke said he never heard of that film before. He started talking again. I just sat there and listened. When he was all done talking I began. This time he could not interrupt me. I said that if there was only one man doing the shooting then why didn't Oswald shoot Kennedy when his car was on Houston Street. There was plenty of time and he would have had a clear shot for the head. Then I said the shots were not fired until Kennedy's car got on Elm Street. I said that the Warren Commission reported the first shot missed the car completely and the second shot hit Kennedy in the back and exited the front of his neck and turned right, then left, then went into Connally back's and exited his chest and then turned right again and goes into Connally's wrist and makes a "U turn" and goes into his thigh. How could that happen? That's impossible for a bullet to do that and on top of that it comes out in pristine condition. Also, from the right rear where the Book Depository is, the third shot hits Kennedy in back of the head. Then I said if Kennedy got hit in the head from the rear then why did the his body go back and to the left.

Here's what I think which makes more sense. The first shot goes off from the front hitting Kennedy in the neck. The second shot goes off from the Dal-Tex Building and hits Kennedy in the back moving him forward. The third shot goes off the Dal-Tex Building and misses the car but strikes a bystander standing by the triple underpass. The fourth shot goes off the 6th floor of the Texas Book Depository; this time the western part of the building. This shot hits Connally. Then the fifth shot hits Kennedy in the back of the head moving him forward and an instant later the sixth and fatal shot from the grassy knoll hits the President in the head pulling him back and to his left. Right away the shooters take apart their rifles and leave Dealy Plaza. Policemen and witnesses from all over ran to the grassy knoll and not to the Book Depository. Some of the witness are Jean Hlil, Mary Moorman, and Mr. and Mrs. Neuman. All these people say that one or more shots came from the grassy knoll.

Then I made my closing statement:

"Everything you heard from me is evidence that some people will never know. If there was not a conspiracy and the government was not involved in any way then why don't they release the documents on the assassination? The government's excuse is "national security." The government hid this once before so what makes you think they would never do this again? So if you believe that there was not a conspiracy then I guess that Luke won...but if you feel there was a conspiracy, then my time up here in front of the class was worthwhile."

After my statement I sat down. My teacher said that

everyone had voted and that the winner is Cal!

I won that day but if I could make other people listen I
might be able to make people wake up and see that the
assassination was covered up!

Chapter 8

THE SUMMER OF '94

Seventh grade was a pretty good year for me in school. My teacher, Mrs. Murray, let me talk about JFK in front of the class so everyone could hear. They all liked hearing me talk about JFK. Now school is out and it is summer vacation and all I plan to do is study about JFK.

During the summer I went to Indiana and got some more material on JFK. I finished Rush To Judgement and now I am reading On The Trail Of The Assassins. That whole book is on Jim Garrison's investigation of the assassination. During the summer my friends and I did a short film on JFK. The more I found out about what happened on November 22, 1963 the more strange it got.

I listen to what people have to say on the subject. Most of them said that JFK was killed because he was going to withdraw from Vietnam. I think so, too, even though I was not alive when Kennedy was killed. I still think he was a good person.

A good fact I learned that summer was that the motorcade route was changed at 11:00 p.m. on the 21st of November. The motorcade was scheduled to go on Main and stay on Main but it took a right on Houston and a left on Elm Street by the Texas Book Depository. Who could have changed the motorcade route so fast? It could not be the mob. The only people who could really change it was the CIA or the Dallas police. But Mr. Jim

Garrison says that the mayor did and I see no reason to doubt him. I do really think the CIA killed President Kennedy.

During the summer I learned about some people who were involved: David Fenie, Clay Shaw who was charged with conspiracy to kill JFK, and a man named Roscoe White. Lee Harvey Oswald didn't kill anyone -- not JFK, not J.D. Tippett or anyone else the Commission or the government says he killed.

Oswald could not have shot JFK and run down four flights of steps and shown up cool and calm on the first floor where a police officer found him. Also during the time of the shooting, Oswald was on the first floor standing on the front steps of the Texas Book Depository Building. There is a photo to prove it. But the government says that man on the steps is Billy Lovelady and not Oswald. They're wrong.

Even though there was no real actual proof of any other shooter there still was evidence. One is that behind the picket fence there was mud on a car bumper where someone was standing to look over the scene. What about a shooter in the Dal-Tex Building? People say the head shots came from towards the Book Depository. The reason for that is because the Dal-Tex Building is right across the street from the Book Depository. With two shooters on the grassy knoll and one shooter in the Book Depository and another in the Dal-Tex Building, Kennedy could not escape alive. There could have been four men at the picket fence: two shooters and another two men to pick up the shell casings as they were ejected from the guns.

The three shell casings found on the 6th floor window of

the Book Depository were probably never even fired that day and even more so Oswald's rifle was not ever checked to see if the rifle had been even fired. Oswald passed his paraffin test even though the Chief of Police said that Oswald's test showed he did fire a rifle. My bet is that was probably a setup so no matter what the test said they would say Oswald was guilty.

Note: Look at the picture below. Where I have circled it is the man who looks like Oswald who is most likely Oswald.

Chapter 9

I GO TO DALLAS AND NEW ORLEANS

School started and now I am in eighth grade and all I really do in my spare time is work on the assassination of JFK. I found out so many things that were hid. Like the disappearance of President Kennedy's brain. Now since school has started I have homework and I don't have much time for anything else. But on November 1, 1994 my Mom and I went to Dallas, Texas to see where President Kennedy was shot. From there we went down to New Orleans to see Jim Garrison.

While we were in Dallas my Mom and I went to Dealy Plaza. I kind of felt strange there but it was the reason for coming to Dallas in the first place. I took a walk behind the picket fence where I could see the same view the two shooters had. The fence has poles that hold up the fence. I think one shooter stood at the third pole and the other at the seventh pole. The one man at the third pole hit Kennedy in the neck and the man at the seventh pole hit Kennedy in the head.

After I left from behind the fence I walked over to the Texas Book Depository Building now called the sixth floor. I saw the view Oswald was supposed to have seen when they say he shot Kennedy. Then I walked over to the western window at the sixth floor of the building. In that window was a clear view down on Elm Street. That made me wonder if there had been a shooter here or not. After I went down stairs I went outside and walked around Dealy Plaza and took photographs. I stood right where

Zapruder stood when he took his famous videotape.

The Plaza is smaller than it looks on TV. Just as soon as Kennedy's car took a left on Elm the shots must have been fired almost right away when Kennedy was hit in the neck. A sign blocked Zapruder's view. Just as Kennedy's car was passing the sign his arms raised to his throat. But now in 1994 the sign had been taken down.

Just before I left the Plaza I walked over to the Dal-Tex Building. There I stood on the steps and there you do have a clean shot at Kennedy's back and a clear view. The shooter in the Dal-Tex Building fired two shots: one in Kennedy's back and one missed the car and hit James Tauge in the cheek.

After Dallas my Mom and I went to New Orleans to see Jim Garrison. When we got to New Orleans we did not know where to look so we got a motel room. My Mom went out for a while and I looked in the phone book but didn't find anything. The next day my Mom looked in the phone book, this time in the Yellow Pages, and found Jim Garrison's son, Lyon.

Mom called and talked to Mr. Garrison's son and he gave us his dad's address and then said his dad had died three years ago. I was kind of upset knowing that we came all that way for nothing. But anyway we went to Mr. Garrison's old house and I got a picture of it.

After New Orleans we left to go back to Dallas. When we returned to Dallas I got some more information on JFK, more pictures, and more books. The next day we left Dallas and got on a plane back to Janesville, Wisconsin.