

It took 27 years but David Belin has finally said one thing with which I agree: the TV series, "The Men Who Killed Kennedy," and Oliver Stone's current commercialization and exploitation of that great tragedy are both very, very bad.

As the Post knows, I am responsible for what Stone has converted into a non-existing "Establishment" press/CIA conspiracy to destroy him and his movie. I gave George Lardner Oliver Stone's script, which is based on former New Orleans District Attorney Win Garrison's fantasy of self-justification, his book, "On the Trail of the Assassins" - the one trail that to my personal knowledge Garrison never took - and to records that include proof of my preventing his monstrous intended commemoration of the fifth JFK assassination anniversary. After Lardner's completely accurate and understated exposure it became a self-perpetuating story. There was no need for any campaign and there was none.

Beyond belief and utterly irrational as it is, among Garrison's planned new charges to mark that anniversary was indicting Robert L. Perrin, who had committed suicide in Garrison's jurisdiction ^{and} to Garrison's knowledge in 1962 with being a 1963 Grassy Knoll assassin!

In Stone's script this insanity ^{is} falsely represented by Garrison was one of the "proofs" that the CIA connived to wreck Garrison ^{who} in fact ^{he} was and remains a self-destructer without equal, except possibly for Stone.

When Nigel Turner, who produced the misleading TV series, asked to interview me I agreed, as I have with others, subject to his assurance that he would not advance any conspiracy theory or pretend to solve the crime. He is not alone in not keeping his word.

As he had in the past and with the same cliches, Belin insists that he and the Warren Commission were right solely because they ^{say} said they were right.

Like its other defenders, in his blind insistence that the Warren Report is right Belin and the others demanded to know, "Where is the new evidence." It is only misrepresentation of the evidence ^{of} they had in that report which was written by Belin and other of the Commission's assistant counsel that justifies this demand because, as I showed ^{without rebuttal}

In this misrepresentation Belin has no innocence and he is not ignorant of some of that "new" evidence, some of what he and the Commission's other counsel should have obtained and filed to that I did get via FOIA.

Belin also refers to all the supposed experts who confirmed this official fiction. He is careful not to refer to the actual findings of a Department of Justice panel of the most pre-eminent forensic ^{pathologists} experts. I published every word of what they filed in facsimile in my Post Mortem, in 1975. Belin had and was reading it that November when we debated at Vanderbilt University. He has heard me cite this and other evidence he and his Commission colleagues ignored and he was then and since without response, save for his ~~current usual misrepresentation.~~

^{Report on their examination of the JFK}
The autopsy pictures and X-rays ~~examined~~ ^{examined} by this prestigious panel of authentic experts ^{proves} says the Commission was wrong in ~~stating its~~ ^{stating} location of the fatal wound in the President's head, that it was four inches higher than the Commission ^{said} ~~mislocation of it.~~

In and of itself this destroys the conclusions of the Warren report beyond repair by any experts.

Now that ^{and unscarred} magic bullet that Belin says inflicted seven non-fatal wounds on both victims, smashing one of Governor Connally's ribs and his wrist and allegedly, this presumption being indispensable in the Specter invention, did not strike bone that would have deflected it as it transited the President's ~~neck~~ neck, actually deposited five bone fragments in that area.

While it was already a physical impossibility for this magical bullet to have the ^{imagined} ~~invented~~ ^{any bullet} ~~carrier~~ indispensable to the lone-assassin, no-conspiracy official "solution," if ^{that hole is} it had entered President Kennedy's back ^{The Commission said, it was} where the Commission ^{that hole by} knowingly mislocated it, four or more inches lower than ~~that bullet hole~~ and in the back, not the neck, some of this "new" evidence I published and Belin had includes what he and his associates first ignored and then hid, the official certificate of death and the "verified" location of that bullet hole. This was exactly where I say above and exactly where the suppressed death certificate by the President's own physician, Admiral Burkley, placed it, at the third thoracic vertebra.

The damage to each side is a slit, not a hole made by a bullet. Both slits are frayed. On the President's right, as worn, the ~~slit~~ ^{neckband} begins below the collar and extends downward. It is ^{only} about half the length of the slit in the left side as worn. This larger slit extends upward well onto the ~~collar~~ ^{neckband}, to where, if caused by a bullet, it would ~~have probably~~ ^{struck} have ~~had to strike~~ ^{it} the button. The button is unscathed.

~~Whether of not this is certain, that~~ ^A ~~the damage was not caused by any bullet is beyond~~ ^{to the shirt} question.

~~The damage was not~~ ^{It was} caused, as the Commission's transcript indicates, by the usual practice in emergency procedures. Dr. Carrico demonstrated this for me by grasping his own tie with his left hand and making cutting motions ^{with his right hand, he told me} upward and downward. He said what he was not asked ~~to say~~ by the Commission, that two nurses under his supervision cut the tie off with a scalpel. There was no time to untie the knot. It is the scalpel that made the slits in the shirt collar..

And the Commission knew it and Belin, personally, knew it from Post Mortem and from our Vanderbilt debate! ^{Yet he writes the additional self-justification in the Post published December 17}

Fewer pretensions and pretenses of infallibility and avoidances of the truth they know and suppressed when it was their ~~right~~ ^{establish and} to sacred responsibility to ~~tell~~ the nation the truth to the degree it could be established ~~would~~ from Belin and his like-minded, would make less appropriate when applied to him, his castigation of Stone and Turner who deserve it also, "False charges... are a desecration to the memory of President Kennedy..."

The Stones of one extreme and the Belins of the other ^{confuse} mislead and deceive the people, ~~and in their rewritings of a clear history only confuse the people more.~~

What gets lost in all this misdirected controversy is that there is a middle ground. I confess lameness in my occupancy of it. It is the ground that finds the Commission failed us and proves this with fact, official documentation, ^{It also} ~~and that~~ ^{that} finds the proliferating conspiracy ~~theories~~ theories mislead and confuse as much as or more than the faulted official conclusions.

The nation, which needs and deserves better, is plagued by both extremes.