

Memo for the record, files Posner, About; Tague, James T.

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I've known since shortly after last ^November's Conyers committee hearing that Boswell ~~does~~ ^{denies} ever having been interviewed by Posner or, as Posner also told that committee, that he had changed his belief of where he and the other autopsy prosecutors said the fatal head shot entered President Kennedy's head. My source, a doctor friend, asked me to keep this in confidence because Boswell had spoken to him and he feared that if word of it got out Boswell would not talk to him again. Whether that was also Lesar's source for what he ~~not~~ wrote the committee in the ~~attached~~ ^{attached} letter I do not know. I believe it may well be. Lesar does not identify who spoke to Boswell and he had been a witness at that hearing.

I did not ^Nconsult the files to determine when I spent that ^w week with Jim and Judy Tague but I'm certain there is a record of it. They then had updated their housing to a fine home at 2719 Ellis Ct., Plano, TX 75075. That is a Dallas suburb. Jim told me they moved to a larger place as he continued to prosper, that he invested heavily in real estate and took a heavy loss, but that they are OK and living a bit more relaxed.

When I was with them Jim was the fifth or sixth-largest auto-fleet salesman in the country. He sold fleets of vehicles. He mentioned ~~them~~ ^{them when an} as one of a ~~fleet of~~ armored cars passed us as we were driving into Dallas one morning. I think it was Purolater. Last evening he said that it had been a bit hectic when he managed two dealerships at one time, as I recall. He knew from ^Gary the convoluted hours I now live because just before 6 p.m. our time he looked at his watch and noted the ⁴/_{hr} difference and that it was time to end the conversation. ^He said he phone me again.

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My friend Jim Tague phoned me yesterday evening after speaking with Dr. Gary Aguilar who had phoned him at my urging. James Thomas Tague had provided an affidavit for my use in C.A. 75226. He and his wife Judy prepared it. I had been their guest for a week after that, in about 1979. Jim is the little remembered third victim of the JFK assassination. He received a slight wound from the bullet that missed, believed to have come from the spary of concrete from that missed bullet's impact on a Dealey Plaza curbstone, I was with them when James Earl Ray escaped from Brushy Mountain prison and was free for about three days before being captured. ^{Jim Tague} His phone remained busy with reporters seeking me because I had been Ray's investigator.

Referring to Gerald Posner Tague told me he had never spoken to Posner.

"He says he interviewed you for two days," I said, referring to Posner's source notes on page 553.

"I know," Tague responded, referring to what Gary had told him. "I've not read his book but Aguilar told me he says in it that he interviewed me. But he never did. I never spoke to him and I've not seen his book."

I asked Jim to write me a letter saying he had never spoken to Posner so I may have it for the record for history. He said he would. He also apologized for his long silence.

With Dr. J. Thornton Boswell having denied ever speak^{ing} to Posner and with Posner having claimed to have interviewed him and with Boswell, like Tague, deny^{ing} he had told Posner what Posner says he did, is it not to wonder how many other such ^{non-}existing sources Posner has for what he says in his book in which he seeks to rewrite our history by rewriting the ^{story of the} assassination of the President?

On Tague Posner has these three source notes on pages 324-5:

31. Interview with James Tague, January 19, 1992.

32. Ibid, January 20, 1992.

33 Ibid, January 19, 1992.

As in the manuscript of Case Open about 75-80% of which was eliminated in publishing I show in detail, Posner uses his claimed interview with Tague to be able to quote

Tague is saying the exact opposite of what he had testified to before the Warren Commission. Posner, as in all his interviews, claimed, whether or not actual, misuses his claimed interviews with Tague that Tague told me never happened as a source for more than saying the opposite of what he had testified to. He uses ~~THIS~~ his nonexistent Tague interview as a means of ignoring what Tague did testify to that is utterly destructive of Posner's theory he ~~is~~ denies is a theory that is basic to his book on the origin of the shots. Tague testified they came from the Grassy Knoll.

Posner says that Oswald fired ~~all~~ those three shots from that TSBD sixth-floor window ^{from behind JFK} and that those many who reported shots from the front either did not know what they were talking about or were wrong. Tague's testimony is that he heard ~~f~~ the shots not from the back of where the President was but from in front and as seeming to come from a specific point on the Grassy Knoll.



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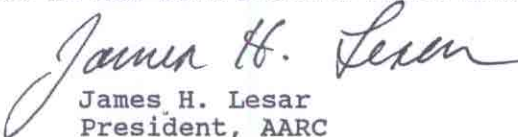
Dear Mr. Chairman:

Last November 17th you held a hearing on "The Effectiveness of Public Law 102-526, the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act of 1992." I was one of the witnesses who testified at the hearing. So, also, was Gerald Posner.

During the hearing Posner stated that he had interviewed the autopsy doctors, Doctors Humes and Boswell, and that they no longer agree with their original placement of a wound in the back of the President's head. At this point (page 113) of the transcript, I asked Mr. Posner whether he would be willing to donate his notes on his interviews with these doctors to the National Archives so that everyone could have access to the original materials on which he was basing his remarks.

I have since been informed that Mr. Boswell (1) denies that he spoke with Mr. Posner; and (2) says he has not changed his position on the placement of a bullet wound in the back of the President's head. In evaluating the current state of the evidence regarding the President's murder, it is important for the public to know whether Dr. Boswell has changed his position as to the location of the President's rear head wound. Moreover, because of the widespread endorsement by the news media of Mr. Posner's views on the Kennedy assassination, it is also important that the public learn whether or not Mr. Posner's statement that he interviewed Dr. Boswell has any basis in fact.

In view of these concerns, I am requesting that you request that Mr. Posner provide your subcommittee with the notes and/or tapes of any interviews that he had with Doctors Humes and Boswell.


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