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DALLAS, TEX., NOV. 22 (AP)-A SURVIVOR OF THE NORMANDY INVASION, WHO NEARLY 20 YEARS LATER WITNESSED ANOTHER FATEFUL MOMENT IN HISTORY, SAID TODAY "I AM MORE THAN SATISFIED" WITH THE WARREN COMMISSION'S FINDINGS ON THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION.

AT THE SAME TIME HE CRITICIZED AUTHORS OF RECENT BOOKS SEEKING TO DISPROVE THE COMMISSION REPORT, SAYING, "THIS IS NOTHING BUT CHEAP SENSATIONALISM ON THESE PEOPLE'S PART.

"I DON'T THINK ANY OF THEM HAVE PROVED ANYTHING."

IT WAS THREE YEARS AGO TODAY THAT CHARLES F. BREHM, THEN 38, STOOD WITH HIS SON LESS THAN 20 FEET FROM PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY'S LIMOUSINE AND SAW HIM SLUMP MORTALLY WOUNDED.

"I WAS SO FASCINATED IN LOOKING AT HIM I DID NOT KNOW ANYONE ELSE WAS AROUND. THAT'S WHY I'M SO POSITIVE OF HIS ACTIONS," BREHM SAID IN AN INTERVIEW.

BREHM WAS NEVER CALLED BEFORE THE COMMISSION, WHICH CONCLUDED THAT TWO RIFLE SHOTS FIRED BY LEE HARVEY OSWALD FROM THE TEXAS SCHOOL BOOK DEPOSITORY JUST WEST OF THE DOWNTOWN DALLAS AREA STRUCK THE PRESIDENT. NEITHER WERE STATEMENTS HE GAVE AUTHORITIES ENTERED AS EXHIBITS.

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"I SEE NO REASON WHY I SHOULD BE CALLED. I DID NOT SEE THE MAN WHO SHOT HIM. I DID NOT SEE THE SHOTS FIRED. I DON'T FEEL THAT ANYTHING I WOULD HAVE SAID WOULD HAVE HAD ANY BEARING ON THEIR OUTCOME," HE SAID.

BREHM SAID HE KNOWS NOTHING ABOUT ANYTHING THAT HAPPENED AFTER, HE SAID, HE HEARD THREE RIFLE SHOTS AND SAW TWO OF THEM HIT THE PRESIDENT.

BREHM WAS A STAFF SERGEANT AND WAS PINNED DOWN WITH THE 5TH RANGER BATTALION ON OMAHA BEACH BEFORE BEING WOUNDED IN BLOODING FIGHTING NEAR BREST, FRANCE, AND SPENDING 19 MONTHS IN A HOSPITAL.

"THESE ARE THE FACTS, THIS IS THE TRUTH," HE SAID OF WHAT HE SAW ON NOV. 22, 1963, WHEN HE TOOK HIS SON JOE, THEN 5, TO SEE THE PRESIDENT.

"I DECIDED THE BEST PLACE TO SEE HIM WAS FROM MAIN STREET. WE COULD GET A BETTER LOOK WHEN THE CAR SLOWED TO MAKE THE CORNER. THE CAR TURNED THE CORNER, AND I PICKED UP THE BOY AND RAN ACROSS THE GRASS. HE WAS IN FULL VIEW ALL THE TIME.

"WHEN THE FIRST SHOT WENT OFF I REALLY DIDN'T THINK IT WAS GUNFIRE. HE (THE PRESIDENT) HAD A SENSE OF HUMOR, AND WHEN HIS HANDS WENT UP TO THE SIDES OF HIS NECK I THOUGHT HE WAS MAKING A GESTURE. I THOUGHT IT WAS A BACKFIRE.

"THEN THE SECOND SHOT HIT HIM. HE WENT DOWN. HE JUST WENT DOWN. I KNEW THE SOUND THAT BULLETS MAKE, AND IT WAS AT THIS TIME THAT I THOUGHT IT WAS SHOOTING.

"IT WAS TOO WEIRD TO THINK THAT HE WAS REALLY SHOT. WHEN I REALIZED HE HAD BEEN I WAS TRYING TO PUSH THAT CAR TO GO, GO, GO.

"I FELL WITH THE BOY ON THE GROUND. THE THIRD SHOT REALLY UPSET ME. I KNEW HE WAS HIT THE FIRST TWO TIMES BUT THE THIRD ONE DIDN'T MAKE ANY SENSE AT ALL."

BREHM SAID THE PRESIDENTIAL CAR ALMOST STOPPED AFTER THE FIRST SHOT, BUT SPEEDED UP AND TOOK EVASIVE ACTION AFTER THE SECOND.

HE SAID THE GUNMAN "HAD PLENTY OF TIME. THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS TIME INVOLVED. THE MAN HAD POSSIBLY ONE FULL MINUTE TO GET OFF THE TWO SHOTS--TIME IN LINING ON HIS TARGET. WHEN THAT CAR SLOWED DOWN THAT TELLS US THAT THE MAN DID NOT HAVE TO BE A GREAT MARKSMAN."

BREHM SAID, "I CONTEND THAT THE THIRD SHOT WENT WILD."

HE SAID HE WAS UNHAPPY WITH THE USE MADE OF AN INTERVIEW HE GAVE MARK LANE, AUTHOR OF "RUSH TO JUDGMENT," WHO SOUGHT TO DISPROVE THE WARREN REPORT.

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