

See also this file 19 Aug 67.

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Zapruder on his film when we know he heard a shot because he photographed it.  
None of this so much as occurred to the Commission and its FBI experts. It is of the first importance, because it

The other difficulty with the bullet hypothesis CBS evaded was that there were more fragments in Governor Connally than the Commission came up with as likely to have lost.  
The first hour devoted some attention to District Attorney Garrison of New Orleans, who has a preposterous theory that the bullet was largely intact and a fine assessment. The only person who had seen John F. Kennedy make a simple and obviously true statement of the Commission's honesty and good faith that

such a man as Mr. [redacted] would unwittingly distort or misstate evidence about a political murder "is idiotic." Of course not. But Mr. McCloy would not claim that no mistakes were made, or that a better job could not have been done, nor even that it does not still need to be done.

The last claim, made with stunning transparency and with something bearing a close resemblance to cynicism, was made by Professor Henry Steele Commager. A man, said Walter Cronkite, who looks into the American spirit, having diagnosed a certain strain in the American spirit, but tending to absolutely no judgment about the quality of the Warren investigation or about issues to which it may have given unsatisfactory answers. Mr. Commager could see no reason to suppose that anyone who believed the first investigation would believe a second, or a third, or a fourth. In other words, presumably what it was supposed to prove, or how. "So I see no value in another investigation," he said, "a nearer approach to truth. Not even in that for this historian he should have watched the first hour of this CBS Inquiry."

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