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CBS: In recapping the series, CBS said: "we found hitherto undiscovered evidence in the film of the murder itself..." (page 1).

Fact: This is plagiarism, for this was not "hitherto undiscovered" but was published and copyrighted two years earlier, by me, to CBS' knowledge and to the personal knowledge of the executive producer of the shows.

CBS: "We...found that one bullet could, indeed, have wounded both the President and Governor Connally" (page 1).

Fact: It took no tests, by CBS or the government, to establish that a single bullet could wound two men. What neither CBS nor the government could prove (and didn't) is that this single bullet inflicted all the non-fatal injuries on both men, essential to even the beginning of validation of the Report. Actually, even rigged to make them work as the CBS "tests" were, they prove the opposite: that the single bullet could not have inflicted all seven injuries. This is without regard to the other essential that had to be met and were not - that this bullet emerge virtually intact, undeformed and unutilated. CBS suppressed the bullets it used. My request for pictures of them is unanswered.

CBS: "We heard autopsy surgeon, James Humes, report that he has re-examined the X-rays and photographs of the President's body... (page 1).

Fact: In repeating the persistent CBS lie, for Humes had never earlier examined the pictures, here it is compounded to make him say that he had, which he did not.

CBS: "We presented the conspiracy theories of New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison...which today remain a series of largely

unsupported statements..."

Fact: what CBS "presented" is not the liquor but the fusil oil. Its entire effort was to not present these "theories", available to CBS in usable form, in my book on the subject, of which it knew and to which it was granted access. It also knows that Garrison cannot present his evidence on CBS, must restrict it to court use.

CBS: "We now ask...: Why doesn't America believe the Warren Report... just how well and honestly the Warren Commission operated..."(page

Fact: CBS had no such intention, never addressed these questions, and when it considered irrefutable proof of dishonesty imperishably and irrefutably preserved in FBI reports showing pictures never seen by the Commission, never wanted or taken by the FBI, of witnesses who saw Oswald on the first floor when he could not have been on the sixth to be the assassin and were not called by the Commission - it asked this proof of me, promising credit for its use - it joined the government in suppressing the evidence (PHOTOGRAPHIC WHITEWASH 42, 49-52, 74-6, 83, 177, 210-1). This is, in itself, proof of federal and CBS dishonesty (page 2).

Comment: CBS was careful to present a selection of "critics" and a selection of what they say and believe. It avoided the best informed. It presented Lane in error, as when he says, of the pictures and X-rays of the autopsy, "Not one lawyer for the Commission ever saw - was curious enough to examine the most important evidence". Of Arlen Specter this is not true as, if CBS made even part of the "investigation" it pretended, it knew. CBS did not ask Specter what his picture-examination told him. In using Lane (pages 2-3), which is not accidental, CBS was setting the

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stage for attacking his accuracy, thus making it seem as though all criticism of the Commission and its report are inaccurate and that, in fact, what it here presents is accurate. It is an interview with Charles Brehm:

CBS: CBS presented a single-paragraph, semi-coherent interview with Brehm in which he complains that Lane misrepresented what Brehm had said (page 3-4)

Fact: What Brehm told the government was sufficient to get it suppressed from the 10,000,000-word 26 volumes and was available to CBS from the Archives, where I got it. It is consistent with other suppressed official data, also available to CBS, in establishing that the pieces of the President's skull exploded to the left - and for a considerable distance to the left - from an explosion exclusively on the right side of his head. This is highly improbable.

CBS: Brehm: "...what I saw fly over here ("here" is meaningless on paper unless explained, but it is intended by Brehm to mean the south side of Dealey Plaza) -- his skull -- although I told him I could not -- I did not -- I thought it was but I could not."

Fact: Brehm saw something fly past him coinciding with the fatal shot. He assumes it was a piece of the skull but cannot, not having sought it, prove it. His assumption is validated by other suppressed evidence I have. It was a piece of the President's skull and I can trace it to the White House.

CBS: Mr. Epstein "studied the 26 volumes of hearings..." (page 4).

Fact: This is fiction. Epstein could not write his own footnotes. He knows little about the actual evidence, never considered the basic question, was Oswald the assassin, assuming he was, and has

written the grossest errors. His data was, for the most part, supplied him by former Commission staff members one of whom in particular, Wesley Liebler, was bent upon self-justification and used Epstein to divert attention from him and to others.

CBS: Arlen Specter: "I would say, after prosecuting a great many cases, that seldom do you find a case which was as persuasive that Oswald was the assassin and, in fact, the lone assassin, and we convict people in the criminal courts every day right here in Philadelphia. And the times the death penalties are imposed (sic) or life imprisonment - so that - so that the case does fit together" (page 5).

Fact: It is a sad day for Philadelphia if this is true, for there is no single solid bit of evidence that Oswald was an assassin and all the credible evidence is that there was no lone assassin. Only in the absence of any opposition could a case have been presented, for there was no case, only speculation, conjecture, rumor and fabrication - with suppression. Like his case, Specter will not appear against opposition that knows the case. He has declined a dozen challenges from the electronic media to confront me.

CBS: Specter (of the staff: "...men were chosen from various parts of the United States who had no connection with government" (page 5)

Fact: This is knowingly false. The general counsel was a former solicitor general of the United States. His staff director was loaned by the Department of Justice (which, with the Secret Service, provided almost 100% of the investigative staff). All of the Commission members were or had been high government executives or elected officials. Only Allen Dulles was not then in

government, and directorship of the CIA should have disqualified him. More than half of the fourteen assistant counsel had been government employees. Twelve "staff members" are listed in the Report (R479-81). Of these, all but one had been or were at the time of their appointments to the Commission on the federal payroll. Of the fifty-seven others on the staff, no biographical data is given (R481-2).

Comment: There is no doubt that Specter is a liar in saying, "men were chosen...who had no connection with the government", and that CBS knew it.

CBS: Specter: "...the Commission used its independent judgment wherever, say, the FBI or the Secret Service was involved itself so that they would not investigate themselves on the subjects where they were directly involved..." (page 6).

Fact: Unless the designed escape hatch ("was involved itself") is technically accurate, this is another lie. It never happened that way, always happened the other way, and Specter certainly should have known it. Only the FBI and CIA investigated the charges and suspicions that Oswald had had connections with them, each of itself, and the record of this is printed by the Commission (See OSWALD IN NEW ORLEANS). Again, Specter knew this as did CBS. It is a lie and a propagandized lie. (page 6). (CBS forgot and acknowledged this in another context on page 8).

CBS: The Report "notes the Secret Service agents assigned to protect the President had been drinking beer and liquor into the early hours of the morning" (page 6).

Fact: This is erroneous. Part of a shift was not abed, part of that shift had been drinking, none to excess. This is another of the

slanders on those men actually protecting the President. They could have done nothing to save him.

The Commission's criticism is that the Secret Service should have known of Oswald's employment along the motorcade route, as the FBI did, but this has significance only if those things the Report of him are true and they are uniformly false: He was not insane, not pro-Communist, not an or the assassin.

Comment: What criticism CBS makes in its own name here appeared first in WHITEWASH, which it at no point mentions.

CBS: CBS quoted Parkland Hospital Chief of Security O. P. Wright as saying he could not interest either the FBI or the Secret Service in Bullet 399 when Darrell Tomlinson found it (page 7).

Fact: The carrying of this bullet in pockets could have had it ruled out as evidence had it been genuine, for that would have destroyed the evidence that could have been on it, in the residues, and could have added other residues not on it when found. It is doubtful if this, one of the few possible links of the rifle to the assassination, could thereafter have been used in court. When Wright belatedly interested a Secret Service agent in it, the bullet was again pocketed and not marked for identification in any way, additional disqualifications. What CBS failed to do - and the documentary evidence was available to it and was published (WHITEWASH II) - was to show that at any time was this bullet ever handled as evidence must be. It was produced in the White House that night when the chief agent said, in effect, "I hear one of you guys has a bullet", and agent Johnson reached into his pocket and handed it over.

CBS: "The Commission had before it the hard fact that Oswald's notebook

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contained the name, phone number and license plate number of the Dallas, F.B.I. agent, James Hosty" (page 8).

Fact: The "hard fact" is not from CBS, which edited it. Hosty was the FBI Oswald expert, was penalized and demoted after the assassination, and the FBI edited this listing in Oswald's notebook out of the evidence until it realized it could not get away with it.

CBS: "The Commission says it also checked the F.B.I.'s own files, but mentions no other investigation. It followed the same curious procedure with the C.I.A...." (page 8).

Fact: This is explicitly false, as CBS must have known, for the Commission specifically refused to hold or even check through the files these agencies produced before it. This is in the printed record (See OSWALD IN NEW ORLEANS).

CBS: "You will remember that it hedged its conclusion, saying only that there was no evidence of a conspiracy" (page 8).

Fact: This is a previously noted and repeated lie. The Report is explicit in its "Conclusions" (R19) in saying that Oswald fired all the shots, identical with saying there was no conspiracy.

CBS: CBS quotes Mrs. Marguerite Oswald as saying her son was an agent, knowing that she could not prove it (pages 8-9).

Fact: CBS knew I had solid evidence, knew that I repeatedly made the charge in the two books they read and the third that I offered them, and deliberately declined to use it. Instead it pretended there is no evidence Oswald had government connections.

CBS: CBS quoted Mrs. Oswald saying, "Now, how can Lee Harvey Oswald get out of the Marine Corps three months ahead of time on a Dire Need discharge, and at the same time be issued a passport to travel?" (page 9).

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Fact: This is the charge of WHITEWASH, which goes further, as CBS know and again does not credit. There is much more in OSWALD IN NEW ORLEANS.

Comment: The CBS conclusion is that although "the Commission had full power to conduct its own independent investigation, it permitted the F.B.I. and the C.I.A. to investigate themselves - and so cast a permanent shadow on the answers" (page 9).

Fact: Corrct. Right from WHITEWASH, where CBS first read it. Not credited, but used in a context that in the mind of the listener credits Epstein with first stating and proving it (neither of which is true).

CBS: The Warren Commission and its staff interviewed 552 witnesses. Their testimony takes up these 26 thick volumes" (page 10).

Fact: There were 552 sources of what is, for lack of an appropriate designation, loosely called but is not "testimony". Of these, only 94 appeared before any Commission member. 395 were questioned in ex parte depositions by the Commission staff, 61 supplied affidavits (also ex parte and without questioning by any member of the Commission or its staff), and two gave unsworn statements. The Commission regarded newspaper stories and partisan investigative reports as the equal of sworn testimony (WHITEWASH xv). If this is an accidental error, it is a commentary on the use CBS made of the enormous investment of expensive manpower (and \$500,000 cash) over a seven-month period. It is also false that "their testimony takes up these 26 thick volumes". What the Commission called "testimony" takes up about a third only. The rest is exhibits. This error is repeated.

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Comment: More important than Mrs. Carolyn Walthers, used here as an example of the witnesses who should have been heard and weren't (and a good one) is the case of Mrs. Carolyn Arnold cited earlier. Mrs. Arnold placed Oswald on the first floor, not the sixth. CBS asked for my official documentation and permission to use it, which I gave. They suppressed it, for they would not concede Oswald could not have been the assassin, which Mrs. Arnold could prove.

CBS: "Only that physical evidence (autopsy pictures and X-rays), say the critics, can finally resolve the debate over how many bullets struck the President, where they came from, and where they went... (page 11).

Fact: Only some critics, not including me. These pictures and X-rays, if they can ever be authenticated as those of the autopsy, which the doctors cannot do, cannot "finally resolve" any of these questions and can address but one, "how many bullets struck the President". It cannot be definitive on even this one.

CBS: "More than one critic has charged that the autopsy record in the Warren Report is not the original autopsy..." (page 11).

Fact: Correct. I was the first and am the only one to prove it with a word-by-word comparison of the oldest existing handwritten draft and the typed final version and to print by facsimile excerpts proving this (WHITEWASH 198).

CBS: "Re-examine those disputed photographs and X-rays..." (page 11).

Fact: No matter how many times CBS repeats it, it is still a lie.

CBS: Dr. Humes: "The Report (sic), as I stated, is exactly the way it was delivered, and the way it was written (page 11).

Fact: Both statements are lies. It is not "the way it was written," for Humes personally made extensive changes in his writing. Also, there was a major, a definitive change that was never made in the draft but appears in the typed version (WHITWASH 198). In the fourth paragraph Humes wrote that "Dr. Perry noted...a second, puncture wound in the low anterior neck in approximately the mid-line." In the typed version "puncture", which means the President was shot from the front, is replaced by "much smaller", which does not say it but in medical terms still means it, although not so interpreted officially. In any event, it is a change from even the changed writing by Humes.

Had he said this under oath, it would have been perjury.

CBS: "The Kennedy family stipulation that the pictures be locked away for five years - with only certain authorized government personnel allowed to see them" (page 11).

Fact: Both statements are false. For CBS to pretend a "special" on this subject knowing so little of the fact is no less disturbing than the alternative, a lie. Those pictures are locked away for the lifetime of the longest-living close Kennedy relative now alive. Only "government investigators" may be granted access during these five years - and there is no government investigation current or pending.

CBS: "We believe that those films should now be made available for independent examination by expert pathologists..." (page 11).

Fact: CBS is the running dog of further misrepresentation and lies. First these must be established, as the law requires, as the genuine pictures and X-rays of the autopsy - all of them, unaltered no more, no fewer and no other - including but not limited to an

unbroken chain of possession. Then, it is not "expert pathologists" who can derive meaning from them for they do not have independent meaning. It is those with the best and widest knowledge of the entire story who must examine them, for even if these pictures and X-rays show exactly what these doctors say, they cannot validate the rest of the Report. They can prove only that fewer lies were told or perjuries committed. Nor among pathologists is it ~~may~~ merely anyone well qualified in general pathology. The additional requirements are in forensic medicine and gun-shot wounds and murder by them, which most, including some of the most eminent pathologists, do not have.

CBS: "There is one further piece of evidence which we feel must now be made available to the entire public: Abraham Zapruder's film of the actual assassination... (page 12).

Fact: Agreed. CBS does not care what it does with LIFE'S money, but this film should be authenticated and made public property. However, why stop with this film? What is wrong with the too-many others the suppression of which was guaranteed by the government, to CBS knowledge - and some of which CBS has seen and has copies of, that it also did not use?

CBS refuses to practice what it preaches. It has steadfastly declined to make public that of its own evidence that it misrepresented in its own shows and has failed to answer my request that they make them public and give me copies. Examples, their "marksmanship" and camera "tests", the bullets they fired in these tests, etc.

CBS: "...these broadcasts have demonstrated that the film may contain vital undiscovered clues to the assassination" (page 12).

Fact: Repetition does not alter the fact. CBS did not discover this, nor did Dr. Alvarez, to whom they attribute it, but to CBS' knowledge I did and they read it in my copyrighted work.

I emphasize that it is I alone among the critics who published this.

CBS: "LIFE's decision means you cannot see the Zapruder film in its proper form, as motion picture film" (page 12)/

Fact: This is untrue. The film can be seen in motion at the National Archives, as many people, quite possibly including CBS personnel, have. If they could not see it at LIFE and did not see it at the Archives, they were incompetent to write and present their series.

CBS: CBS asked Commissioner John McCloy, "Are you satisfied that as much effort was put into challenging that case (against Oswald) as in establishing it?" (page 12).

Fact: "I'll answer that in just a moment", McCloy began, and then spent five uninterrupted paragraphs not answering it. He apologized for appearing and, in effect, said that with Oswald denied the benefits of American law, by Ruby's shot, the Commission was not bound to give them to him. He did not answer the question.

CBS: McCloy, answering the question, "What did you do on those visits to Dallas?", said they walked around, "went into the School Book Depository. We talked to all of the police officers there..." (page 13).

Fact: They did not talk to all the police, including some of the most important police.

CBS: McCloy acknowledged the pictures and X-rays should have been produced before the Commission, but said, "We had the best evidence in regard to that - the pathology in respect to the President's wounds" (page 14).

Fact: As a lawyer, McCloy well knows that the "best evidence" is the pictures, not any description, no matter how accurate - and there is not even a description in the 900 pages of the Report or the 10,000,000 words of "evidence". The Commission did not have the "best evidence", and every member is a lawyer.

CBS: In commenting on disbelief of the Report, McCloy said that "in many cases" on the campuses he's visited, "the professors as well as students", as he put it, "think that it is illiberal to come to the conclusion that a Communist inclined defector could have been the assassin of the President" (pages 14-5)

Fact: If Commissioner McCloy has any notion of the evidence behind the Report he signed, he certainly knows that Oswald was anti-Communist, and violently so. This polemic is not responsive to the question and, even if it is less than a fabrication (which from my own experience on campuses and elsewhere it certainly is), it does not say why people do not believe the Report. The one and the obvious reason he should have given he didn't: The conclusions are not supported by the evidence, which does not prove what the Commission alleged and does prove the opposite.

CBS: McCloy: "...so far I haven't seen any credible evidence which dispels the soundness of the fundamental conclusions that we came to" (page 15).

Fact: No one else knows what McCloy may or may not have seen, but if he has not seen such evidence, he didn't look or it was denied him, for it abounds and is most of the Commission's credible, pertinent evidence. CBS did not ask what, if anything, he had seen and read of the entire books.

CBS: "...fewer than two million copies of the Report have been sold.

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By a considerable margin more people have bought copies of books attacking the Report than have bought the Report itself..." (page 14)

Fact: This is not a correct formulation and is otherwise of the most dubious authenticity. The Report was printed in countless ~~other~~ forms other than by the government. It also was printed in abbreviated form by many houses. It was printed completely by the New York Times, which alone adds 25% to the questionable CBS total. There is no major paper in the country which did not print appreciable parts. The Associated Press syndicated its major chapter, "Summary and Conclusions", which probably had the widest circulation in history of any official text, certainly more than all the books critical of the Report can hope ever, collectively, to achieve. It does not mention the sycophantic writing, which supports the Report and has been serialized. Every major magazine and every major newspaper has supported the Report and its conclusions. CBS simply misrepresented.

CBS: From this fallacy, self-manufactured, CBS concluded: "...there may be something abroad in the land that wants not to believe the Report's conclusion, that President Kennedy was the victim of a lone madman, and not a conspiracy" (page 15)

Fact: Here CBS drops its pants, forgetting that it has steadfastly (and knowingly falsely) maintained that the Commission never said there was no conspiracy.

CBS: "Our final question then; Could America believe the Warren Report?" (page 15.

Fact: A semi-coherent speech by Dr. Seymour Lipset of Harvard seems to mean nothing. This "distinguished sociologist said that "if someone's killed because-for his money, if someone's kidnapped for

money, if-that is OK...an assassination which is a consequence of a plot is like a murder in the context of the crime for more money by a gang..."

On the other hand, if it does mean anything, it would seem to be opposite to the CBS argument.

CBS: Henry Steele Comager was next (pages 16-7). To this historian "there has come up in recent years, particularly since the coming of the Cold War, something that might be called a conspiracy psychology". If he here said anything, it is that the assassination "can be explained by ordinary processes". He connected this with "the McCarthy era, the miasma of suspicion...I don't think we'd become paranoid (sic). But we were on the road to a paranoid explanation of things." And another investigation is not "any more likely to be believed". This, of course, is scientific thinking: It makes no difference what an investigation proved, whether it is in secret or public, credible or not, it will not be believed. Therefore, there should be no other. The CBS dogs run. Comager went up to four and said a fourth investigation will not be believed. CBS did not take him past four, so we have no "scientific" advance knowledge from indubitable experts what would be the reaction to a fifth or a 500th. We are assured - no why question - that nothing will be believed. Take it from the expert who knows everything because he knows nothing about the case and has made no independent study of the available facts, but this is immaterial when you are an expert - on anything - and have CBS to listen, credit and disseminate. It is only coincidence that all of this propaganda coincides with the government's desire that the people take its word when it lies. Of course, CBS did not do

this on purpose, even if all it used was pre-recorded and edited into these four shows. It and Comager want to spare the long-suffering and sadly deceived people another futility, charitable folks that they are. He went farther and provided in advance the objection that will always exist. These "critics" will complain, "Well, of course, this too is part of the Establishment..." Why have a trial? Why does this eminent "historian" tolerate courts when we have his infinite wisdom.

Not that any accredited "critic" has made this complaint. It is that Comager and CBS are preparing it for the future!

CBS: Eric Sevareid read a lecture - by far the longest in the entire se-

Comment: It is an uninterrupted page and a half (pages 17-8). He told of a strain of permanent skepticism" from which we suffer, of "this devil theory of politics". Dredging the excreta of the nuthouse, he finds a conspiracy "would be utterly impossible in the American arena of a fierce and free press..." He must look at CBS! But he hasn't tried to publish a book that opposes the government on this or get a strong article on it published in a major magazine, or tried to get a chance to answer lies and libels.

And there is no chance the Report is wrong without all the Commissioners being conscious conspirators, he assured.

What this boils down to is that it is perfectly natural for a President to be shot to death in cold blood in an American city; that it is equally natural for his accused murderer to be shot down while the police are guarding him, in a police station, and before the eyes of the world via TV; and that there is nothing abnormal in the death of the murderer of the accused murderer of the President when he suddenly develops cancer and is not given medical

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attention until long after he obviously needs it and then only when his family and lawyers discover it and demand it; nor is it suspect when it is first announced that this incurable cancer is merely a neglected cold. And anybody who doesn't think this is the ordinary course of events in the civilized world has a "devil theory of politics", suffers from a "strain of permanent skepticism blames everything in advance on "the Establishment", is a victim of the "conspiracy psychology" - in short, if you don't swallow whole and unquestioningly, you are a nut!

CBS: The roundup: "...The Warren Commission could not give Lee Harvey Oswald his day in court and the protection of our laws" (page 19).

Fact: The Commission could have abided by the laws of evidence and permitted genuine defense counsel to cross-examine its witnesses. And it should have. But then it could never have brought out this Report with the built-in, predetermined verdict, and it would have had no "evidence".

CBS: It re-endorsed the Report, saying, "But, now we have studied the Report again, this time with the benefit of three years of controversy, of all these books..." (page 19)

Fact: whether or not they studied the Report - and their concluding whitewash shows the opposite, they have say they have read my books and eliminate the excuse of not knowing what they did to and about them..

The stomach rebels at the repetition of the remaining conclusions, like "g..most objections to the Report - and certainly all objections that go to the heart of the Report - vanish when they are exposed to the light of honest inquiry" (page 19) But, the answers "leave us restless". (Filed for the future when they are

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proved wrong, liars— an official, kept press.)

CBS: And all the persisting distrust? That is Lee Harvey Oswald's fault: "The damage that Lee Harvey Oswald did the United States of America...did not end when the shots were fired..."

Comment: Lee Harvey Oswald, move over and make room for CBS.

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