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ASSASSINATION QUESTIONS (530)

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DALLAS, NOV. 30 (AP)—WHILE AMERICANS GROPE WITH THE ENORMITY OF A PRESIDENTIAL ASSASSINATION, THEY ALSO ARE ASKING QUESTIONS ABOUT THE DETAILS OF JOHN F. KENNEDY'S SLAYING EIGHT DAYS AGO.

THE QUESTIONS EVIDENTLY ASKED MOST OFTEN:

WAS THE ASSASSINATION A CONSPIRACY FOLLOWED BY THE SILENCING OF THE ACCUSED TRIGGERMAN SO HE COULD NOT REVEAL THE PLOT?

COULD ONE MAN HAVE FIRED THREE BULLETS THAT RAPIDLY FROM THE BOLT-ACTION RIFLE POLICE SAY IS THE ASSASSINATION GUN--IN OTHER WORDS, DID ANOTHER MAN STAND BESIDE ACCUSED LEE HARVEY OSWALD AND FIRE WITH HIM?

SOME ANSWERS WERE GIVEN BY DALLAS POLICE BEFORE FBI AGENTS TOOK OVER BOTH THE INVESTIGATION AND THE PHYSICAL EVIDENCE AND IMMEDIATELY HALTED PROGRESS REPORTS.

DIST. ATTY. HENRY WADE, WHO LIKE OTHER OFFICERS HAS SAID REPEATEDLY THAT OSWALD KILLED THE PRESIDENT, ALSO REPEATEDLY HAS SAID:

"WE HAVE NO CONCRETE EVIDENCE THAT ANYONE ASSISTED HIM (OSWALD) IN THIS...."

THE MASS OF EVIDENCE INDICATES THAT A SINGLE MAN CONCEIVED AND CARRIED OUT THE ASSASSINATION, AT LEAST SO FAR AS IS KNOWN PUBLICLY.

WHAT GROUP OF CONSPIRATORS, FOR INSTANCE, WOULD ENTRUST SUCH A MISSION TO A CRACKPOT TROUBLEMAKER WHO NEVER GOT ALONG WITH PEOPLE WHILE HE LIVED IN NEW YORK'S BRONX, FORT WORTH, NEW ORLEANS, OCCASIONALLY IN IRVING, TEX., AND FOR A BRIEF, TRAGIC TIME IN DALLAS.

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THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT THE RUSSIANS WERE GLAD TO LET HIM LEAVE THEIR COUNTRY WITH HIS RUSSIAN WIFE AFTER HE LIVED THERE THREE YEARS AND RENOUNCED HIS AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP--AND THEN HAD A CHANGE OF MIND.

CERTAINLY HAD SOME CONSPIRATORS USED OSWALD, THEY WOULD HAVE PROVIDED HIM WITH A FINER WEAPON--TO REDUCE THE MARGIN OF ERROR--AND ONE WHICH COULD NOT BE TRACED TO HIM WITHIN HOURS.

WHEN JACK RUBY DARTED OUT OF A CROWD 48 HOURS AFTER KENNEDY DIED AND KILLED OSWALD, THE QUESTION AROSE:

WAS THIS THE SILENCER FOR A CONSPIRACY, ORDERED TO SEAL OSWALD'S LIPS WITH DEATH?

INVESTIGATORS PROMPTLY PROBED THIS POSSIBILITY AND WADE WAS ASKED IF THERE WAS ANY CONNECTION.

"I KNOW OF NONE," WADE SAID.

THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS THAT OSWALD WAS SEEN ONCE IN RUBY'S STRIPPER JOINT, THE CAROUSEL CLUB, BUT THIS IS OF QUESTIONABLE SIGNIFICANCE TO THE CASE. THEY BOTH LIVED IN THE SAME GENERAL SECTION OF TOWN BUT ABOUT A HALF MILE APART IN A HEAVILY POPULATED AREA.

WHAT ABOUT THE RAPIDITY WITH WHICH THE THREE SHOTS WERE FIRED FROM THE BOLT ACTION RIFLE? WOULD IT NOT HAVE REQUIRED TWO MEN TO FIRE THAT RAPIDLY?

THE SHOTS PERHAPS WERE NOT AS RAPID AS SOME PERSONS MAY IMAGINE. SEN. RALPH YARBOROUGH, D-TEX., RIDING THREE CARS BEHIND THE PRESIDENT, SAID THE SOUND WAS "BANG-BANG-BANG."

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THE SENATOR, A WAR VETERAN, SAID IT SOUNDED LIKE MEASURED FIRE, NOT A FUSILLADE. HE DESCRIBED THE SOUNDS BEFORE THE TYPE OF RIFLE WAS KNOWN BY HIM.

ANYONE PROPERLY TRAINED WITH A BOLT-ACTION RIFLE IS AWARE IT CAN BE FIRED ALMOST AS RAPIDLY AS A SEMI-AUTOMATIC LIKE THE WORLD WAR II M-1.

IT IS NEVER REMOVED FROM THE SHOULDER BY A TRAINED MAN. THE BOLT WOULD NEED TO BE OPERATED ONLY TWICE IN FIRING THREE SHOTS.

POLICE CHIEF WILLIAM H. PARKER OF LOS ANGELES HAD HIS FIREARMS EXPERTS TEST THE SAME TYPE OF ITALIAN RIFLE THAT DALLAS POLICE RECOVERED.

THE TIME REQUIRED FOR THREE SHOTS WAS THREE AND ONE-HALF SECONDS. THESE ARE THE ANSWERS KNOWN BY DALLAS AUTHORITIES TO DATE.

THE FINAL ANSWERS MAY NOT BE KNOWN UNTIL THE PRESIDENTIAL INVESTIGATING COMMISSION REPORTS TO THE NATION, IF THEN.

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