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EDITORIAL

When A Bullet Becomes An Unbullet

Two long hidden photographs revealed by Jim Garrison on TV Dec. 9 have generated some denials and a rather strong rebuttal. The program was presented on Dallas WFAA-TV with Murphy Martin of that station interviewing the District Attorney.

Garrison stated the pictures show a "federal agent" picking up a bullet at the scene of the Kennedy slaying. In the pictures are two men in business suits and a policeman in uniform on the grass at the assassination site. The clock above the Texas Book Depository clearly reads 12:40, ten minutes after Kennedy was shot. One man in a suit is picking up an object from the grass near the curb.

Deputy Sheriff Eddie Raymond Walthers appears in the picture, but the name of the man picking up the bullet has never been released. One of the pictures was published in only one edition of the Dallas Times Herald on November 22, 1963, and has not been seen since then.

On a later program Walthers denied to Murphy Martin that the object was a bullet. The Dallas Morning News of Dec. 15, 1967, had this to say: "I never saw any bullet," Walthers recalled. "That's all there is to it. If he had found a bullet, he would have shouted, 'Look, a bullet,'" the deputy reasoned.

If the unidentified "He" were, as I strongly suspect, a CIA man with forged Secret Service credentials, he would not have said, "Look, a bullet." He would have picked the bullet up and avoided all publicity, which is exactly what the man in this situation did.

In answer Garrison released a copy of a letter dated July 22, 1964, and written by Warren Commission Attorney Norman Redlich to another commission attorney, Wesley J. Liebeler. Redlich wrote Liebeler, who was to question Walthers, suggesting that he ask him "exactly what he saw on the day of the assassination with reference to the bullet which he claims splattered on the edge of the curb on Main Street."

The letter said, "One time Walthers was quoted as having found a bullet, BUT HE SEEMS TO HAVE BACKED AWAY FROM THIS POSITION." (Emphasis ours.)

"Of course," Garrison said Thursday, "Deputy Sheriff Walthers denies that the bullet is a bullet. If he did not, he would not be a deputy sheriff any longer." Garrison said Walthers had been "reduced to the embarrassment of having to pretend that the federal agent in the photograph has, in the first photograph, reached down for a piece of the President's head, and in the second photograph, is holding a piece of the President's head firmly clutched in his hand."

"What is more important is that Deputy Sheriff Walthers initially said that he did find a bullet," Garrison added. "But this was before Lyndon Johnson's administration indicated that the official line that it was going to be pretended that here was only one assassin."

"Many witnesses who have cooperated in the big lie by refusing to tell what they know about the truth have been given jobs in defense plants," Garrison claimed. "Our office has located at least one participant in the assassination of President Kennedy who now works at a military base for the United States Government."

More than 70 percent of the people of the United States now believe the Warren Commission is a fraud.

Understandably the President remains silent. What I cannot understand is why Congress remains so silent.

The Robert Oswald Show

The television performance of Robert Oswald with newsmen Murphy Martin shown Sunday on WFAA-TV was a disgusting one. Even an animal will not attack its mother. Among Robert's complaints was "... we in fact became a burden to her at a very early age." Every child becomes a burden on the parent as soon as he is born. Again he complained: "... she just did the bare minimum essentials that she could do." What else did he expect? Most of us born during the depression could make that complaint. While I was growing up in my home, we got few things above the essentials, but my mother and father were doing the best they could. Robert was unfortunate not to have a father during his childhood, but he is not alone in that misfortune.

As far as Mrs. Oswald's contribution to the continuing investigation, "peculiarities" though she may have, as her son said Sunday, she alone has come closer to the truth than Earl Warren and the six sleeping beauties on the Commission with him. Although Mrs. Oswald plays games with other investigators, she has not been accused of selling out—yet.

If one cannot love his mother, at least he can remain silent. Robert had little to gain by criticizing his mother, and we feel his most cruel accusation is patently untrue: "... The one adult in Lee's life is my mother and it dominates his entire life." And later he adds: "... If Lee had the opportunity to be in military schools, or be around other adults, there would have been no assassination on November 22." That is an astounding statement to come from a son about his mother. The statement is so cruel, because Robert knows his brother killed no one.

There were indications the performance was staged. Robert misused words. His grammar at times was bad. Yet he says: "My brother did in fact assassinate President Kennedy and kill Officer Tippit." Robert, a man with only three years of high school education, seemed to be reading an unaccustomed script written by an attorney.

The opinion expressed Sunday by Robert Oswald was NOT his opinion until after his second visit to the Warren Commission in Washington. Robert had a contractual agreement with a writer and a publishing firm to produce a book saying that he believed his brother when Lee told him: "I have killed no one, and this will all be straightened out in a few days."—the exact opposite of the opinions expressed on the Sunday show.

Here is a portion of Robert's testimony on Saturday, February 22, 1964:

MR. DULLES. Just one point on that.

You have testified that you felt that your brother did have or would have required some outside help or assistance to do what he did—roughly to that effect, I believe.

MR. OSWALD. That is right.

MR. DULLES. Have you any idea at all or any thoughts as to what kind of help, where that could have come from, who was involved.

I have in mind—was this in your opinion a rightist plot, a leftist plot, an anarchist plot?

MR. OSWALD. If I may take your question, sir; in the parts that you pointed out—I believe the first part

was to where and how.

MR. DULLES. And who.

MR. JENNER. ~~May have assisted.~~

MR. OSWALD. The where and the how, sir, I am not of any opinion. And as to who might have assisted him, as related in my diary, or memorandum—

MR. JENNER. Identify the page, please.

MR. OSWALD. On page 6—and I quote—"I still do not know why or how, but Mr. and Mrs. Paine are somehow involved in this affair."

I am still of that opinion, sir.

Further along in his testimony Robert Oswald said as his attorney sat by his side:

"... Based on that and the shooting of Lee Harvey Oswald, I am of the opinion that Mr. Ruby did in fact know Lee Harvey Oswald prior to Sunday, November 23, 1963—Sunday, November 24, 1963, and that he was in my opinion paid to silence Lee Harvey Oswald."

After Robert's second trip to Washington, he gave up the book contract which had a promised \$10,000 advance. Robert then bought a new automobile, moved into a new home in Wichita Falls, Texas and got a promotion with the brick firm with which he was employed.