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In the Papers: Backing For Oswald Theory

Washington observer David Lawrence concurs with this column that JFK's slayer was evening things up with Gov. Connally, and unintentionally shot the President . . . "The real mystery," says Lawrence, "is why there has been so much suspicion engendered that someone contrived with Oswald as an accomplice to commit the crime. For there is clear evidence of the grudge of one individual."

Lawrence reminds us all that records of the Warren Commission show that Lee Harvey Oswald was transferred from active duty in the Marine Corps (in 1959) under honorable conditions. But when the Pentagon learned he had defected to Russia, he was given an undesirable discharge.

Oswald from Russia (his mother forwarded the letter about his undesirable discharge) complained to Mr. Connally, then Under-Secretary of the Navy . . . Oswald's letter carried a threat . . . Unless, he said, the discharge was changed back to "honorable" he would return some day and "employ all means to right this injustice."

The Warren Report includes this eye-holder in Marina Oswald's testimony: ". . . she thought her husband was shooting at Connally rather than President Kennedy."

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THE N.Y. TIMES is conducting its own investigation of the Dallas tragedy, according to Newsweek . . . Harrison Salisbury, one of the finest reporters in the nation, was so expert at getting the facts straight, they promoted him . . . He will chief the probe . . . The newspaper's task force "will go back over all areas of doubt and hope to eliminate them."

We hope so. If only to put the authors of several books out of business. We also trust Pulitzer Prize winner Salisbury will find out why Oswald (with a record of defection to Russia and who threatened Connally) was permitted to be at large in Dallas on the day the governor rode in the same car with JFK.

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WE WOULD ALSO enjoy learning why the U.S. Embassy loaned Oswald money to return to the U.S. . . . Assistance to a defector who disowned the U.S. when he sympathized with Fidel Castro? Also, why did Oswald, who made no secret of his hate for the U.S., have no trouble getting relief checks?

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AN EDITORIAL WRITER wondered why Oswald's grave was covered with several bouquets plus messages of sympathy on the 3rd ann'y of Jack Ruby's vengeance.

Billy the Kid (the notorious desperado of the 1880s) murdered many of his foes including lawmen. When he was finally slain in a duel with sheriffs he was mourned by many women at Fort Sumner where the people erected a monument to him!

MacKinlay Kantor's article on W!"
(the artist) in Reader's Digest is "
"He found life good," said
better."