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President Kennedy: Who Really Killed

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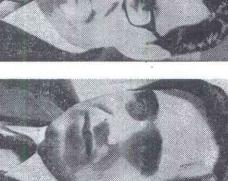
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AUTOPSY SKETCH

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Commission

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Edward Jay Epstein

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POLICE DISPLAY RIFLE FOUND IN SNIPER'S PERCH

Investigators positioning themselves in the sniper's window perch could de-

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my life. I had to go to the used the word 'turgid' in publisher and said I never dictionary and look it up. style. I wrote Epstein's "His statement that the

over half an hour, and that come to my home in Long Beach, Calif., once a month, and I did. Epstein Washington, D.C., permanently from January to was in a New York hotel didn't talk to that man quotes me 39 times and I July 1964. I was allowed to made my residence in time consultants is a lie. lawyers worked as part-Nine of the 10 staff mem-

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IMPLICATION

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LEO SAUVAGE

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SUPERPLOT

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MARK LANE

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POINTED QUESTIONS

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EDWARD EPSTEIN

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It's an Italian Mannlicher-Carcano with Mauser type action moving toward his throat AP Photo

POLICE DISPLAY RIFLE FOUND IN SNIPER'S PERCH

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MINUTE GAPS

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COMIC TROUBLES

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'DISPEL RUMOR'

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Zapruder the

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ONE DRAWBACK

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THE WITNESSES

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THE THEORY

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COMIC TROUBLES

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hind sign on Elm Street, Governor Connally turning to the right as he said he did before he was hit. Prom the controversial Zapruder movie film: Frame 222 (left) shows JFK limousine emerging from be-

scured by sign. Next frame, 225: JFK's hand reaches for his throat as he emerges from behind sign. Third photo in this series is Frame 230: Con-

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Life Magazine-Time, Inc., Copyright 1963 his hand on door, which could mean bullet hit his back at downward angle, changed direction to hit

Saw Kennedy Lean Over Heard the First Shot

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ALMOST UNDAMAGED

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1.4 and 2.4 grains. that Bullet 399 lost between Land and Epstein each WITNESSES

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'NOT ACCURATE'

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where. Shires says there is still one in the chest." But

Don Patman concurred. Charles Baxter and Ralph Robert

NOT TO CERTAINTY

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says there are 26 color and The National Archives

graphs and 14 X-rays.

LANE'S VERSION

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> with language unsupported X-rays and photographs Mark Lane surrounds the episode regarding the

by testimony. He says, on Page 60 of the hardcover

edition of his book:

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Humes and given to

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where does he say they were demanded or that he Secret Service, but no Humes testified they were "turned over" to the

least two - Joseph A. Ball

or defend the report,



People huddled over their children at Dealey Plaza during shooting

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 that rifle, and
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have been fired within 5.6 seconds.

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and pull the trigger, then one second to react, sumed it took the assassin tor. For example, if is ashe had only 4.6 seconds not 5.6 seconds to fire," Epstein says. "This is a significant facaim

'POOR WEAPON'

of poor quality and Oswald same contention themselves were invalid, to it a detailed reliable, the weapon was the ammunition was unwhich he says the tests Mark Lane makes the and adds attack in

that rifle was owned by Oson all of this, what does it change? The fact is that if you assume Lane is right was an inferior marksman. Wesley Liebeler says that wald, he was in the deposi-tory, the empty shells were

> else? If the Governor was it vanish without striking hit separately, what sort of wounds would he have sufanyone else or anything fered, and could they then have been from Bullet 399?

ALMOST UNDAMAGED

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'NOT ACCURATE'

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gery He then made sever-

III-The Autopsy

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been discovered.

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SHEETS ON IT

Not so.

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AUTOPSY REPORT

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LOWER WOUND

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ONE-BULLET THEORY

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The National Archives

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NO COMMENT

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THE TESTIMONY

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'SAME MISTAKE'

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BBC DEMONSTRATION

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> wrist and thigh." in either of these locations. sibly have left fragments derstand how it could posbe intact, and I do not units jacket appears to me to

> > dent in him."

Bullet 399

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mony, but the commission cleared up in other testiwas remiss in not resolving he conflicts when they These conflicts were

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> sy of President John graphs taken at the autopwas not: X-rays and photodence which could have

Kennedy.

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from Connally's stretcher mined that the bullet came

'IT COLLIDED'

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Connally

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Epstein should turn

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LOWER WOUND

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been part of the record, but

Warren report and the 26 volumes of supporting evidence," he says. He got them from the National tures, not nearly as draand the testimony is quite matic, are in the evidence Archives. But other picwere omitted from the 26

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GARRISON

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Weisberg lowers the hole describing dents

key words "top of." Epstein, in his book,

of the neck. touch the body? The or chalk. Where does right arm slightly as seam, ders, measure 5% inches hit the president in the base of the neck. But put a and Weisberg, it might seem that the bullet which the eyes of Lane, Epstein the spot with a pencil point president's was and and a bit to the right of the grown man with reasonabelow the top of the collar oly well-developed jacket and shirt on any made them could not have have him raise mark shoulthe

tually to the care of Robert

NO X-RAYS

years ago that they would? report. But the decision not would have known three oday's Wounds which would show those X-rays and photographs described in the autopsy the president's wounds And who made the deci-The introduce the autopsy precise location controversy. contributed to Who

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SEVERAL AGREE

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AUTHENTICATED

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who took the X-rays, and John T. Stringer Jr., a the National Naval Medical well, chief pathologist at Bethesda; Capt. John Center, who took the photo-Bethesda Naval Hospital; semior pathologist at Cmdr. James J. Humes photographer a the radiologist Thornton Bos-

each as part of Exhibit 397.

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commission wanted to hide draft seem part of the au-Those notes are identified cion by certifying that he the privacy of his home. If anyone about it since he did it while he was alone in why Humes need have told any kind of historic papers. topsy notes themselves. he had written of the auburned a preliminary draft thing, would he raise suspiveal it." topsy report? he wanted to conceal somethe transcript does not reespecially undescribed tions about the burning of commission had any quesreport. about the original autopsy later raises a question was dropped. Epstein then preliminary notes relating to" the autopsy. "Draft" stroyed by burning certain notes prepared and then dence included the original autopsy." On Page 385. inal notes relating to the sion that he destroyed orig-66, it becomes "his admisthe word "draft." On Page ences to this, Lane drops reation room." in the fireplace of my recthing highly suspicious in preliminary Humes after the autopsy." the burned by Commander Lane says: "Destroyed evi-'draft I personally burned that there was an autopsy The critics make this No one seems to wonder Weisberg writes: "If the In two of three refer-Epstein says Humes "de-'DRAFT' DROPPED the autopsy. statement of Humes commission's draft notes, And if the Ш

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Vol. V, page 90, where he

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GARRISON

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conclusively that Kennedy was struck by two bullets. The autopsy report states

THE INSTANT RUBY'S BULLET SLAMMED INTO OSWALD This murder changed the entire nature of the investigation

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touch the body? The base of the neck. right arm slightly as the or chalk. Where does and a bit to the right of the the spot with a pencil point seam, have him raise bly well-developed president's was and mark below the top of the collar ders, measure 5% inches shoul-His seen at least one purported delphia, has stated having color photograph. district attorney of Phila-Arlen Specter, currently undeveloped he autopsy go, says he saw some of ant counsel now in Chica-Kennedy. ually to the care of Robert Albert Jenner, an assist-

NO X-RAYS

years ago that they would? described in the autopsy would have known three wounds — contributed which X-rays and photographs the president's wounds is today's controversy. Who to introduce the autopsy report. But the decision not The precise location of would show those to

connected with the au-

by four men intimately

and authenticated last Nov.

They also were examined

AUTHENTICATED

topsy:

Cmdr. James J. Humes

writers of this report have versions, both of which sion? There are two major the commission staff: gleaned from members of And who made the deci-

the National Naval Medical

Center, who took the photo-

medical John T.

photographer a Stringer Jr., the radiologist

who took the X-rays, and

Bethesda; Capt. well, chief pathologist at

John Bos-

Cmdr. J. Thornton Bethesda Naval Hospital; senior pathologist at

Ebersole,

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photographs.

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cion by certifying that he thing, would he raise suspianyone about it since he why Humes need have told burned a preliminary draft he wanted to conceal somethe privacy of his home. If he had written of the did it while he was alone in au-

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-Turn to Page 39

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BOSWELL'S DOT

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details on the diagram.

'SUPPRESSED'

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UNDATED?

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EXPLANATION

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AP Photo

FROM KNOLL

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Howard Brennan (foreground) is where he stood when he said he saw a gunman firing from sixth

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EXPLANATION

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HOLE UNSEEN

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SAW SMOKE

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the north of Elm Street, up from that park where all the shrubs is up there, to the slope."

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FROM KNOLL

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NO STATEMENT

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ceived no reply.

Boswell made the arrow.

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PLUNGE AHEAD

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FBI AGENTS

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physicians were unable to explain why they could find physicians eventually were able to trace the path of the bullet through the no bullet or point of exit Unknown to agents, body."

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PICK AND CHOOSE

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FIRST DOCTOR

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Let's see.

Dr. Charles J. Carrico

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of the president's throat wound." commission consel that 'it cause an exit wound high Charles R. Baxter told sessing the characteristics would be unusual for lomy. On Page 52 of his He helped with the tracheobook Lane writes: "Dr Dr. Charles R. Baxter velocity missile' pos-

REPLY OMITTED

this density could have wound as you have deof this type to cause a a reply Baxter made ly, that the anterior wound well resulted in the sethrough tissue planes of scribed, the passage for a high velocity missile a question. It says: "Aldoes represent a wound of quence you outline; namethough it would be unusual But Lane left out mos the sentence on Page, Vol. VI, which was

in part "You'd expec of exit wound, more of an explosive type In Lane's book, Jones says Page 55, Vol. VI — up to a quotes his testimony from as an entrance wound. He point, an important point for this belief, and Lane report described the wound estified as to his reasons Dr. Ronald C. Jones. His with more

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ough inspection would have time which at this juncture several - considerable several minutes any more thorough inspecinvolved washing was not available. A thortion would have vious extreme distress and involved Well and 9

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AIRWAY VITAL

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IV-The Grassy Knoll

only puff of smoke I saw.

critics elect to ignore: with great

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made it impossible to in-

had the heart to do it."

Now there are others; the be a bronze statue of that mous Dallas publisher. named in honor of a fa-mous Dallas publisher. Its central landmark used to park called Dealey Plaza It happened in a small

ly could not have been shot in the back by the same said he was. Lee Harvey bullet, even though doctors though it was. Gov. Connal

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area. He saw no one suspi-

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the knoll, testified

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at the corner of Elm and

Houston.

Holland

, who also picked

been a lone assassin.

knoll

"indicated the shots came from a "grassy knoll." Two,

Those are

the six who

actually, picked the deposi-

saw a rifle being fired that no one on the overpass many reasons, the assassin's lair for favor of the depository as ruled out the overpass in rifle fired from the knoll from there. No one saw a less attention to the than it did the overpass. It The commission gave

one being

came from Kennedy's car. ed the knoll also thought

the shots sounded like they tory area. One who indicat-

not hear or see. everything that people heard or saw there. Or did not, however, stressed heard there. They have stress what people saw and does so because critics Yet the knoll abides. It ON OVERPASS

saw "smoke or steam"

vit Nov. 22, 1963, he said he Miller is one. In an affida pass saw smoke. Austin says six others on the over-

Besides Holland, Lane

SIX OTHERS

sion counsel, Lane writes, Miller was "dismissed beer questioned by commisarea. When Miller was lat coming from the knoll

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crucial observation confore he could mention the

tained in his affidavit."

Actually, at the end of

heard a noise like a fire-cracker. "I looked toward from knoll was slightly to his left in the foreground. The Texapproached. The grassy how Mark Lane quotes him sassination, and that is deputies right after the aswhat Holland told sheriff's saw a puff of smoke come the arcade and trees and idential limousine, Holland his left but behind the presfired, was also slightly to sion says the shots were from which the commisas School Book Depository Street as the motorcade an overpass above Elm Holland was standing Consider S. M. Holland the trees." That is

or to the investigation

of

the assassination.

any help to the commission

I don't recall anything

Miller: "Offhand, no sir,

was asked if he could add anything "that might be of

mention any smoke, Miller which he indeed did not his interrogation, during

in "Rush to Judgment." three more shots after the reads: "... And I does not include it. It sentence, although Lane But there is more to the heard Johnson depository theory by "disgive testimony against the commission had turned the impression that the hardly accurate to convey smoke, maybe not. But it is Miller off before he could missing" him. WHO'S CONCEALING Maybe he forgot the Lane goes on. told

"Clemon

gests someone shot a gun from the knoll, what does first shot, but that was the If one puff of smoke sugwas observed near the paby the FBI was: "Johnson stated that white smoke ALL he says about Clemon vilian sreada statement as paraphrased Johnson, But Johnson's full that he had observed white smoke."" That is that white FBI agents

NO MORE PUFFS

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Critics say dot on this 'Autopsy Descriptive Sketch' proves bullet entered JFK's back far too low to have struck Connally. But notes at right place dot at base of the President's neck — high enough.

to internal in an upward and inward slanting direche turns to the autopsy iter went through the presievidence that a bullet nevstein says there is other tion," says Boswell. front. For this conclusion, dent's neck from back to

which dent's body," Epstein says. bullet did not pass comto find a path for the bullet "The fact that the autop-sy surgeons were not able pathologists were unable Humes' testimony that is further evidence that the "to take probes and have pletely through the One of the things on he bases this is presi-

ward, that there was no point of exit, and that the bullet was not in the gle of 45-60 degrees downlets had entered just below his shoulder to the right of the spinal column at an an-

> they are judged by their Weisberg and Epstein ure, critics such as Lane

ignore the autopsy, look at performance — would say

the wart.

body." Lane says this report had

to be the correct version of the autopsy finding.

Edgar Hoover would not presume to summarize the autopsy report had been vital a document unless the autopsy report the president's body' medical examination of "Clearly FBI Director J. in so the

pared by the military physicians and published by autopsy report precarefully. The unat the throat.

dated studied

the press. a doctor's observations to conclusions stemming from miss these as erroneous commission chose to dis-Page 53 of entrance," Lane says said that it was a wound of temporaneous opinion had tomy and expressed a conwound prior to the tracheowho had seen the throat "Although every doctor his book, the on



of the neck in the lower 1-3." ther entrance or exit. terminology cán mean el-ther entrance or exit. In "Penetrating" scribed the wound as assassination, Carrico 4:20 p.m. on the day of the a written report dated at tor to see the President. In wound at the throat. But there was an entrance one of the doctors saying Carrico was the first docane doesn't name him as small penetrating wound Dr. Charles J. Carrico. FIRST DOCTOR deş,

numer nearn to neart tanhigh velocity missile' comy.

PICK AND CHOOSE

did — an entrance wound on focusing on what hapand chose to get what they they show how they morial Hospital, Again, was taken to Parkland Mepened when the president This is what they've done pick

sixth floor of the Texas to the presidential motorfired from the grassy knoll from Oswald's perch on the cade — rather than solely port his arguments School Book Depository. here was a shot or shots the greensward parallel Lane needs this to supthat

them satisfactorily

wound." sessing the characteristics commission consel that 'it He helped with the tracheocause an exit wound poswould be unusual for a Charles R. Baxter told book Lane writes: "Dr. On Page 52 of his

wound as you have de-scribed, the passage a question. It says: "Al-though it would be unusual a reply Baxter made to quence you outline; namewell resulted in the seof this type to cause a for a high velocity missile does represent a wound of ly, that the anterior wound this density could have through tissue planes of But Lane left out most the sentence on Page REPLY OMITTED VI, which was

exit." in part "'You'd expect after "have." They appeared to have." Three tissue destruction than this of exit wound, with more In Lane's book, Jones says Page 55, Vol. VI - up to a quotes his testimony from more of an explosive type point, an important point testified as to his reasons for this belief, and Lane as an entrance wound. He report described the wound WOI'DS Dr. Ronald C. Jones. His . . on superficial examiwere then dropped Were

nation." at the back of the neck knew there was a wound that none of the Lane doesn't mention doctors

of the president's skull was entrance hole on the back deserves a close look, not seen by the emphasize that the ane's treatment Lane and Weisberg also mphasize that the little OF. this

And the second of the second o

are immediately mine which things, which treating an acutely injured patient. You have to deterevaluate the full extent them, before attempting to threatening and cope with the injuries. life 0

AIRWAY VITAL

president's back?" occasion to look "Q: Did you ever have 318

made it impossible to sage was instituted, which complished the president's spect his back." cardiac activity had ceased tion. Before this was actablish adequate circulaan airway, adequate venuand closed cardiac maslation and you have to estient, you have to establish treat an acutely injured pafore - well, in trying "Dr. Carrico: No sir. Be-Ħ

president died? was asked. was done. Why not, Carrico president died? No. Not one doctor ever said this "I suppose nobody really

Was this done after

the

had the heart to do it."

mous Dallas publisher. Its central landmark used to IV-The Grassy Knoll grassy knoll." tory and, close by, an em-Texas School Book Deposicitizen, George B. Dealey. park called Dealey Plaza, named in honor of a faparkment now called "the yellow brick mass of Now there are others; be a bronze statue of It happened in a small that the the

building window.
The Warren Commission Some saw a rifle Ħ

was from there an assassin smoke on a grassy knot the assassin fired. decided it was from there Critics have decided it Some saw a puff of

> heard there. not, however, stressed stress what people saw and not hear or see. heard or saw there. Or did everything that people does so because critics They have

in "Rush to Judgment." cracker, "I looked toward an overpass above Elm deputies right after the assaw a puff of smoke come fired, was also slightly to in the foreground. The Tex-as School Book Depository, how Mark Lane quotes him sassination, and that is what Holland told sheriff's from the trees." That is the arcade and trees and heard a noise like a firefrom which the commisapproached. The grassy Holland was standing on idential limousine. Holland his left but behind the pression says the shots were knoll was slightly to his left Street as Consider S. M. Holland the motorcade

first shot, but that was the only puff of smoke I saw." does not include it. It reads: "... And I heard sentence, although Lane three more shots after the But there is more to the

NO MORE PUFFS

Jury, quent puffs suggest? The question. He decided not to raise the was not asked to decide Mark Lane did it for them the absence of three subsegests someone shot a gun from the knoll, what does If one puff of smoke sugthe reading public,

epstein wrote "... Six out of seven of these witfrom a ed that the shots had come source of the shots indicatgave an opinion as nesses on the overpass who Epstein wrote ". d the

ON OVERPASS sion counsel, Lane writes, Miller was "dismissed beer questioned by commisarea. When Miller was latcoming from the knoll Miller is one. In an affida-vit Nov. 22, 1963, he said he fore he could mention the

Miller off before he could anything "that might be of was asked if he could add give testimony against the commission had turned the impression that the hardly accurate to convey smoke, maybe not. But it is or to the investigation of any help to the commission mention any smoke, Miller which he indeed did not his interrogation, during crucial observation conthe assassination." tained in his affidavit." don't recall anything Maybe he forgot the Miller: "Offhand, no sir, Actually, at the end of

depository theory by "dismissing" him.

WHO'S CONCEALING

is dismissing what? was observed near the pa-vilion arcade but he felt men." Who, does it seem, the spot by Dallas policestated statement as paraphrased by the FBI was: "Johnson motorcycle abandoned near this smoke came from a Johnson, But Johnson's full ALL he says about Clemon 'white smoke.'" That is Johnson told FBI agents that he had observed ane goes on. that white "Clemon smoke

mons - mentioned smoke Simmons and Murphy were interviewed by him in 1966. Dodd, Walter Windborn says saw smoke ane then, only one -The other four wyo Lane Whatever they Richard

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But Was

-From Page 39 thought the shots came

from the "right rear."

NOT MENTIONED

during the assassination into the FBI when questioned

School Book depository have become "a "exhaust fumes" by the fence. Two years later the looking over the knoll ing with a policeman, first He ran toward that buildment in front of the Texas smoke near the embank-Simmons said he thought he saw "exhaust fumes" of ouff of smoke" near Depository. ers whose testimony is

helpful in locating the need to mention such othhaps that is why he felt no

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and no other.
Maybe Lane had the

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also come from that rifle found in Kennedy's car other. Bullet fragments Lane saves the reader

Whether they saw smoke some boxes he saw in the movement" in the southwindow. Police did. police to search around window" and then advised shots, they came from that east window of the sixth told a friend "if those were floor of the depository and the third shot and "saw a

There are three other asshells that were fired by a rifle also found on that

pipe in the area. produced only a "small alleged assassination rifle

the depository at the sound of shots and "saw a projecsource of the shots. Or Bob Jackson, a press tion" in an upper window. wife, who looked towards ell, the Dallas mayor's Such as Mrs. Earle Cab-

motorcade press car "there is the gun!" Or James Crawford who looked up at the sound of and told colleagues in a looked up at the depository photographer, who also

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Court will decide JIM GARRISON

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FOUR MORE

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SEEKING SHELTER

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because they saw others running that way or beсаиѕе what bystanders told them, thought the sounds came of where

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by officers immediately area was widely searched after the shots. And what was found? Undeniably, the knol

SAW NOTHING

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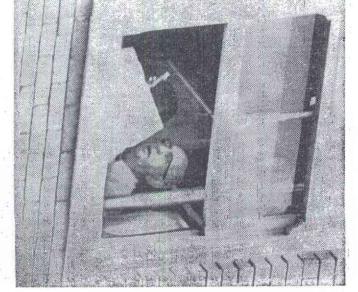
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V-Conspiracy

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"An objective analysis

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IN FIRE LINE

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NOT MENTIONED

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police to search around window" and then advised

also come from that rifle found in Kennedy's car other. Bullet fragments floor - by that rifle and no rifle also found on that shells that were fired by a and no other.

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into the possibility of the knoll. He asks why the commission did not call the lo witnesses who stood between the knoll and the depository. But he faults shots were fired from the looking more thoroughly the commission for not "compelling" evidence Epstein thinks there is thought the snow came

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RAN TO KNOLL

23 WITNESSES

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POOR EYESIGHT

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nresident's car because Should one check the commission volumes, he

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SUGGESTED LINK

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It also is a statement by this suggested link between right causes. The reader of Ruby and the Dallas right Rush to Judgment" is left

overpass, were in a direct line of fire. None of them mentioned smoke. Lane cites what people

duct overpass." This could shots came from "the railquotes O. V. Campbell, vice be construed as the knoll road tracks near the via pinpoint the knoll. He president of the deposiory, who believed the leard as well as saw to

NOT mention that at his elas Lane mentions. He does in front of the depository bow stood Mrs. Robert Campbell was standing

that Mrs. Reid testified: Reid, a fellow employe. ane does NOT mention

our building' because it sounded like they came ust so directly over my hose sounds came from goodness, I am afraid bell and I said, 'Oh, my "I turned to Mr. Camp-

TWO VERSIONS

Two witnesses. Two ver-"Rush to Judgthe

scattered throughout Dealment." does in sions. Both appear in Warren report. Only one "Many other persons

ey Plaza Faye Chism did. Roy Truly Newman did look placed the origin iid. Jean Hill did. Billie the shots on knoll and depository over-Elm Street runs and the foe Lovelady did. William ane observes. And so they through which the knoll," John and

came from the depository. more than 60 witnesses always easy to pinpoint the who thought the shots statements. It is also not though it is difficult to pinpoint from some of their At least 34 people did, al-Such as:

direction of the deposito-F. Lee Mudd-"From the

peared to be a building on the corner of Elm and Charles Hester-"It ap-

> commission did not call the nine of them "thought the president's car because tween 10 witnesses who stood beshots had come from the knoll and the

them."

call them, it did have their knoll directly behind If the commission did not THE STATEMENTS could have been either. tioned in another context There is a witness men-

more from the arcade but from the arcade and three further away. he heard three shots from the depository area, This is what they said: J. Millican: He said two He was working in a signal where the shots came the conflicting opinions of

in or around the depository building. they definitely came from "the shots sounded like Charles Hester: He said

came from either from up

Bowers: "The sounds

mony is in Volume VI.

behind the knoll. His testitower in the railroad area from. He is Lee E. Bowers

could be from anywhere." from in back of me. Of thought it, the shots, came by the sound . . .?" opinion about the direction something is in line course you can't tell when from which the shots came Q: "Did you form any Abraham Zapruder: "I

not."

had any experience before

Q: "Well, now, had you Bowers: "No, I could

me sound all over." was an echo which much reverberation. There , oN., there was too gave

could not say where the overpass. cause of the loud echo, she shots had come from other shots came "from possibly ward: She told the FBI the Mary Elizabeth Woodher" or from the "However,

> Should one check the commission volumes, he would find that, yes, 23 pository. Two indicated it to law officials on those people did give statements knoll. Twelve cited the detwo days. Nine cited the 23 WITNESSES at 12:34 p.m., four minutes area "because people were people running toward the after the assassination, pointing. Then a man men-tioned the depository and that way." Motorcycle paradioed the police dispatchdrove toward the overpass trolman Clyde Haygood

er:
"I just talked to a guy up tory." here who was standing close to it and the best he Texas School Book Deposicould tell it came from the

has some relevance as by Lane whose testimony

er said the depository. A ran on toward the knoll, at the depository while he colleague with him stayed couldn't tell which way to toward the knoll and anothrun because one man told him the shots came from Deputy Allan Sweatt

OFFICERS RUNNING

derpass."

Q: "You were not able to

tell which?"

the mouth of the triple un-

pository building or near against the school book de-

ground," there. erybody ness went to the railroad saw other officers running there. Officer D. V. Harkward the railroad yards beand A. D. McCurley ran toyards because he saw "evhind the knoll because they Deputies Jack Faulkner

ties tions they did because of fired and ran in the direcner when the shots were their office around the cor-Most of the sheriff's depuwere running in many directions for many reasons. In other words, people had been in front of

going different directions." sense prints mour Weitzman found foot cars were questioned. finding anything. Several hoboes found in freight because they were "that didn't make

he had, he had been able to gather up any shells from there? Had an assassin stood ootprints on a car bumper No one had seen one. If Holland saw muddy

the because none were found time before police arrived ground in the brief

what some people said they heard and saw around the ing . . . Nothing to add to puff of smoke. moll: some shots and a No rifle was found, Noth-

FOUND RIFLE

whose handwriting was identical with Lee Harvey area for a while, Weitzman pository. On the sixth floor some one named A. Hidell nad been purchased by ficer found a rifle with a went over to help at the debehind some boxes, the ofelescopic sight. The gun After searching the knoll

critics to weaken depository. One was Howsaw a rifle being Oswald's. he case for the depository Two persons said they is important for the Brennan, To weaken the sixth floor of the Brenfired

After 170

Ball, a commission lawyer nan's testimony. Epstein says Joseph This they try to do.

several reasons to ty of the assassin, of those two locations." sounds occurring in either

time the similarity of

and

had noticed at that

they were renovating the school depository building,

some 10 to 12 years, and worked this same tower for

various places?"
Bowers: "Yes: I had sounds coming from these being in the tower as to

was there during the time

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Sey I never said that. It didn't happen." So spoke Joseph Ball. POOR EYESIGHT

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2270. Try 2291. It also is a statement by a commission exhibit. Not wing. For clarification

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UNANSWERABLE

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says she once had a long

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RIDE OFFER

Nov. 21, 1963

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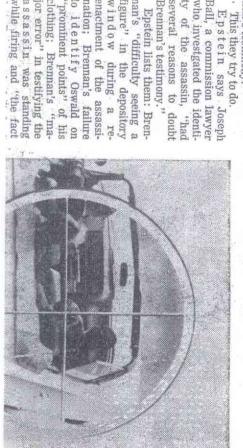
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TWO VERSIONS

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up, pretty sure from depository Marion Baker-"High

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are

ing commission hearings in Washington Wtih Senator Cooper (R-Ky.), left, dur-

Boone, Patrolman M. N. McDonald, Deputy Sheriff Lukey Mooney and Patrolman Marion Baker, all of Dallas.

(from I.) Deputy Sheriff Eugene

they definitely came from in or around the depository "the shots sounded like Charles Hester: He said

could be from anywhere." from in back of me. Of by the sound . . .?" opinion about the direction course you can't tell when something is in line from which the shots came thought it, the shots, came 0 Abraham Zapruder: "Did you form any

not."

Q: "You were not able to tell which?"

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some 10 to 12 years, and was there during the time

were renovating the had noticed at that the similarity depository building,

worked this same tower for

Bowers: "Yes: I had

various places?" sounds coming from these

being in the tower as to had any experience before

Q: "Well, now, had you Bowers: "No, I could

shots had come from other

of those two locations.

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OFFICERS RUNNING

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FOUND RIFLE

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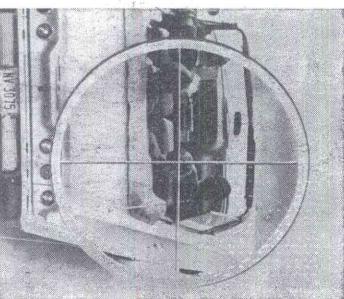
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WITH CAUTION

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TO TASK

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ONLY CHANCE

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UNEMPLOYMENT CHECK

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And for what purpose?

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UNDERGROUND

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DIDN'T RECALL

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DROVE CAR 207

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MONEY ORDERS

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