

Oswald Fired Shots, Dallas Officials Insist

Discount DA Team Theory

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DALLAS (AP) — Key
Dallas investigators of
the assassination of Pres-
ident John F. Kennedy
here in 1963 don't believe

Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison's
claim that Lee Harvey
Oswald never fired a
shot.

They also disbelieve the
New Orleans prosecutor's the-
ory that a precision team of
guerrilla adventurers fanned
out on the crest of a park to
kill Kennedy and escape un-
detected, until now.

"I don't think there's any
question but that Oswald did
some shooting, and indications
are all of the shooting," said
Dist. Atty. Henry Wade.

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RETIRED POLICE Chief
Jesse Curry, who drove the
car preceding the President's
in the motorcade, said there
was no ruckus on the Dealey
Plaza lawn preceding the
shooting, as Garrison claims.
He said if guerrilla gunmen
had crouched behind a three-
foot stone wall in the plaza as
Garrison says, Curry, and
Sheriff Bill Decker and Se-
cret Service men could have
seen them from the street as

(Stories on developments in
the Garrison investigation and
the discovery of a letter draft
written by fugitive witness
Gordon Novel will be found
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they drove by. He said his
policemen atop the railroad
overpass overlooking Dealey
Plaza likewise could have
spotted any persons behind
the stone wall or even behind
the five-foot-tall picket fence
which is 26 feet in back of
the stone wall.

"THERE WERE people in
the park and by the stone

wall but they sure weren't squatted down shooting, I'll tell you that," Curry said. "We just didn't see anything that would indicate that at all."

For eight months, Garrison has independently been scrutinizing the assassination, vowing to prove the Warren Commission wrong in its finding that Oswald alone killed Kennedy and that Jack Ruby also acted independently when he gunned down Oswald during a jail transfer two days later.

Garrison says he has uncovered a conspiracy to kill Kennedy between Oswald; a now-dead pilot, David Ferrie; a New Orleans business magnate, Clay Shaw, and others.

HE SAYS THE Central Intelligence Agency is concealing the whereabouts of the
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assassins because they had been CIA employes.

"I never did rule out some encouragement of Oswald," said Wade, "but whether there was a conspiracy or an accomplice before or after the assassination is a matter of speculation. I don't know.

"I don't have any way of knowing about the CIA," Wade said.

But he said he was just as sure now as in 1963 that police had the evidence to send Oswald to the electric chair as the assassin.

"It was his gun, there were three empty shells by the window, he was seen in the window, his prints were found there, and everybody else was down watching the motorcade and he was upstairs," Wade said.

WADE AND CURRY said they looked but found no proof that Oswald and Ruby knew each other.

Wade said eight or 10 persons volunteered information that Ruby and Oswald were together on occasions but he said he could not vouch for the credibility of any of them.

A local lawyer failed a lie detector test about such beliefs and some of the other informants were alleged homosexuals or police characters.

Garrison said the assassins apparently used "frangible bullets," which he described as a type forbidden by the Geneva Treaty, that explode into little pieces and leave nothing behind to be traced to the gun. He said these bullets would be favored by forces working for an intelligence agency.

A **FIREARMS** expert here said a frangible bullet does indeed fragment into tiny pieces—but the shattering is upon impact, before any penetration. The soft, compressed graphite bullets are used for target practice and might barely pierce a tin can at 50 yards. The firearms expert said he knew of no bullet which combines the characteristics Garrison named, since soft-nose bullets which cause a gaping wound and much internal damage leave traceable elements.

The FBI identified a whole bullet found after the assassination on a stretcher as coming from Oswald's rifle and said fragments of a second bullet came from the same rifle.

Curry said Garrison's probe hasn't refuted any Warren Commission findings, as far as he is concerned.

"It's difficult for me to believe that a group of men sat around and formed a conspiracy and carried it out to assassinate the President. The evidence doesn't show that to me," Curry said.