

EXCLUSIVE PROOF: RUBY NEAR WHEN JFK WAS SLAIN

Picture Inside

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BARB has uncovered evidence that Jack Ruby may have been present at the scene of the assassination of President Kennedy when the shots were fired.

This evidence directly contradicts the Warren Commission's conclusion that Ruby was at another spot during those fatal moments.

Photographs available to the commission may help refute its conclusions.

Ruby stated, and the Commission agreed, that at the time of the assassination he was not on the scene but some distance away at the Dallas Morning News placing ads for his two nightclubs.

The photograph of a figure resembling Jack Ruby was taken by Phillip L. Willis, who was a witness to the assassination. He took twelve pictures at the time of the assassination and the Warren Commission published them in one of its volumes of exhibits (Vol. 21). They do not appear in the Warren Report, however.

The photographic resemblance to Ruby was discovered in Willis', photo-slide number 8 which is reprinted in Volume 21 on page 771. Taken moments after the assassination, the picture shows with his back turned and looking in the general direction of the Texas Schoolbook Depository Building.

Another photo (not by Willis), of a man which the Commission identified as Ruby shows him with his back similarly turned. He is placed then at the third floor of the Dallas Police Department about 11:30 p.m., November 22, 1963.

The two photos placed side by side are strikingly similar. Willis testified before the Commission and discussed the photos he had taken but was not questioned about Willis slide number eight.

INVESTIGATOR TALKS

This reporter spoke with an investigator who interviewed Willis about the photos he had taken. He said that Willis had a photo (slide #8) taken moments after the assassination.

When the FBI examined the photos they pointed to this one and said: "Say--what's Jack Ruby doing there?!"

Willis also said that he pointed out a figure of a man resembling Jack Ruby to the Warren Commission but that they would not comment on it.

None of this appears in the Warren Report or in the Volumes of Exhibits and Hearings. At one point in the testimony of Willis there is a note that the "discussion" is "off the record."

Willis is not the only person to identify a figure resembling Jack Ruby in the vicinity of the Texas Schoolbook Depository Building mentioned in the volumes of testimony published by the Commission.

Victoria Adams was on the fourth floor of the Depository Building and she stated that after the last shot was fired she ran out of the building to the front. She reported that she saw someone "standing on

the corner of Houston and Elm (south of the Depository Building) asking questions there" and that he "looked very similar" to Jack Ruby.

TESTIMONY

Mrs. Jean Hill testified: "... I am fully aware that his whereabouts have been known at all times, and that it seems that I am merely using a figure and converting it to my story, but the person that I saw looked a lot like - I would say the general build as I would think Jack Ruby would from that position. . ."

Mr. Specter: (Assistant Counsel, Warren Commission); "his height you said was about the height of Jack Ruby?"

Mrs. Hill: "That's right."
Mr. Specter: "How about his weight?"

Mrs. Hill: "That's the only thing I would say - he certainly wasn't any bigger than Jack Ruby."

Malcolm Couch, a TV news cameraman for WFAA-TV in Dallas was in the sixth car of the Kennedy motorcade and testified in part:

Mr. Belin: "There is an FBI report that states that you had heard hearsay statements that someone had seen Jack Ruby emerge from the rear of the Texas

School Book Depository Building around that time. Did anyone ever tell you that?"

Mr. Couch: "Yes. Uh - where I first heard it, I could not now recall; but - uh - the story went that - uh - Wes Wise, who works for KRLD -"

Mr. Belin: "TV?"
Mr. Couch: Yes - saw him moments after the shooting - how many moments, I don't know - 5 minutes, 10 minutes - coming around the side of the building, coming around the east side going south, I presume."

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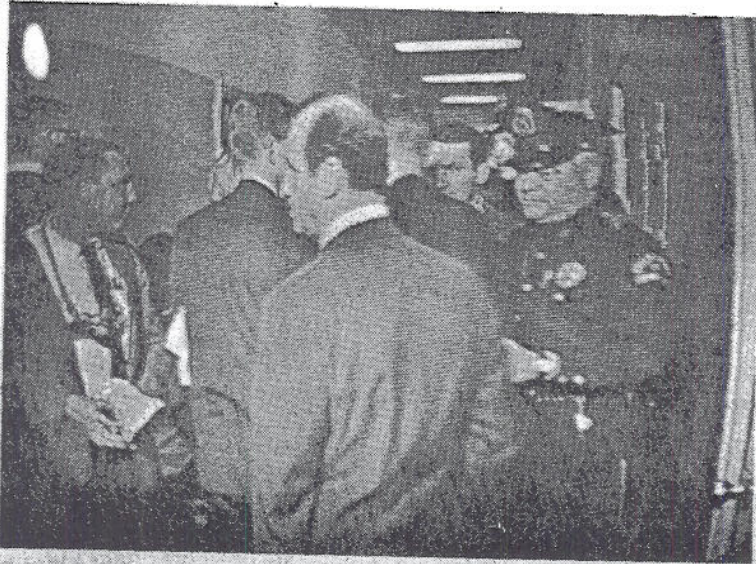
The Commission never questioned Wes Wise about this rather significant "rumor".

Couch also took some "sweeping pictures" of the crowd standing near the Depository Building and suggested that if the frames were blown up one might determine "if someone were standing there - identify someone". The Commission never took up his suggestion and did not publish the films he took.

At least five other photographers who took pictures of the front of the building at the time of the assassination have never had their films published or released by the Commission. They are: Mary Moorman, James Underwood, Mary Muchmore, Hugh Betzner, Jr. and Robert Hughes.

None of these persons were ever called to testify before the Warren Commission.

Schoolbook Depository Building. At least four other witnesses present at the assassination are mentioned on page 2



COMMISSION EXHIBIT No. 2423



WILLIS EXHIBIT No. 1—Continued (Slide No. 8)