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Zapruder on his film when we know he heard a shot because he photographed it.

None of this so much as occurred to the Commission and its FBI experts. It is of the first importance, because it [redacted]

[redacted] "I would hesitate, really, to say that it's 100 percent impossible, but it is highly improbable." But Cronkite's verdict in behalf of CBS: "we are persuaded." By [redacted]

[redacted] The other difficulty with the [redacted] bullet hypothesis CBS evaded [redacted] that there were more frag- [redacted] left in Governor Connally than [redacted] the Commission came up [redacted] likely to have lost.

[redacted] hour devoted some atten [redacted] District Attorney Garrison of [redacted] who [illegible] a preposterous [redacted] the fourth was largely [redacted] a final assessment. The [redacted] was when Eric Sevareid told [redacted] which had seen John [illegible] a simple and obviously [redacted] defense of the Commission's [redacted] dness and good faith, that [redacted]

[redacted] that such a man as Mr. [redacted] would unwittingly distort or [redacted] declaive evidence about a [redacted] murder "is idiotic." Of [redacted] But Mr. McCloy would [redacted] did not claim that no mistakes [redacted] made, or that a better job could [redacted] been done, nor even that it [redacted] still need to be done.

That last claim, made with stunning complacency and with something bearing [redacted] resemblance to cynicism, was [redacted] Professor Henry Steele Commager, a man, said Walter Cronkite, [redacted] looks into the American spirit, [redacted] diagnosed a certain [redacted] strain in the American spirit, but [redacted] to absolutely no judgment about the quality of the Warren investigation or about issues to which [redacted] given unsatisfactory answers. Mr. Commager could see no reason to suppose that anyone who disbelieved the first investigation would believe [redacted] second, or a third, or a fourth [redacted] matter, presumably what it was [redacted] prove, or how. "So I see no value [redacted] in another investigation." [redacted] nearer approach to truth? No [redacted] in that for this historian. He should have watched the first hour of this CBS Inquiry.

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