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CANDIDATE

Former United States Attorney and former Assistant Attorney General Barefoot Sanders is now a candidate for the United States Senate and wants to talk about issues, he says.

We suggest one such issue on which we would love to have candidate Sanders give an explanation concerns secret Warren Commission statements taken in Dallas and materially altered before being printed in The Warren Commission volumes.

At the beginning of the investigation, Lee Rankin, Warren Commission General Counsel had agreed to furnish copies of all statements to representatives of the Texas Attorney General's staff present in Dallas at the time.

By telephone the Texas Attorney General, Waggoner Carr called to the attention of Rankin that ninety witnesses had given statements in Dallas with no copies furnished to the Texas Attorney General's office.

Rankin said he could not live up to the previous agreement as the ground rules of the joint investigation had been set aside by the then U. S. Attorney Barefoot Sanders and that there was nothing Rankin could do to abide by his earlier agreed plan.

Many witnesses have now complained that their testimony was altered. One recently released secret document shows how drastic the alterations were.

Mrs. Nancy Powell was one who objected, and until recently, her objection was kept secret by the government.

The entire document No. 1452 is reprinted:

August 25, 1964

TO: SAIC Sorrells, Dallas
FROM: SA Roger C. Warner
SUBJECT: Mrs. Nancy M. Powell, aka Tami True

On 8-21-64 I received at the U. S. Post Office, Lubbock, Texas, deposition of Mrs. Nancy M. Powell, aka Tami True. I contacted Mrs. Powell and arranged to meet her in the Postal Inspector's Office, U. S. Post Office, Lubbock, Texas. Mrs. Powell appeared at about 2 p.m. on the same date. Mrs. Powell was placed alone in a room and asked to read the deposition that she had given in response to questions asked by Mr. Burt Griffin. a

member of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy.

The procedure for correcting the deposition was explained to Mrs. Powell. Mrs. Powell then proceeded to read the deposition and make several minor corrections. During the time she was reading the deposition, Mrs. Powell complained that she did not feel that her testimony had been recorded accurately in the deposition. It was explained to Mrs. Powell that persons, while conversing, give meaning to their words through voice inflections, and that reading the words without inflections sometimes give different meaning to the words which was not meant.

Mrs. Powell finished reading the deposition at about 4 p.m. At that time she stated to me that the deposition as written was not acceptable to her, particularly in the area where she was questioned relative to Jack Ruby, and to any part

that Ruby may have played in the assassination. Mrs. Powell stated that she did not wish to sign the deposition until she had spoken further with a member of the President's Commission and to go over with this member of the President's Commission page by page of the deposition.

Mrs. Powell stated that it would be impossible for her to make corrections in the deposition as written because to make her testimony "sound right I would have to change the questions of Mr. Griffin."

Mrs. Powell's statements were conveyed to Miss Martha Jo Stroud of U. S. Attorney's Office, Dallas, Texas, via telephone at about 4:10 p.m. that date. Miss Stroud stated that if possible an appointment should be made for Mrs. Powell to speak with Mr. Leon Hubert at Fort Worth on 8-24-64.

These arrangements were made and the interview with Mrs. Powell was concluded. Before leaving, Mrs. Powell stated that she would make every effort to meet with Mr. Hubert at Fort Worth, Texas, on 8-24-64.

(Signed by Sorrels and Roger C. Warner.)

We know Barefoot Sanders will not discuss this issue. Truth and justice were done a savage disservice by Sanders and the whole nation suffers.

This is the first time this story has been printed in any newspaper.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Sunday, Jan. 16th, 1972

Dear Mr. Jones:

I am a subscriber to your newspaper and admire your courage and tenacity in the unremitting pin-pricking of America's Conscience for the Kennedy Assassination. Yours is the only paper that I know of that continues to print every new development on this most dishonorable crime and I agree with you that Salandria is way off the beam in attributing this crime only to the C.I.A. and exonerating all the many other conspirators and collaborators to this shabby piece of business.

Two points have always disturbed me about the assassination: 1, the incomprehensible silence of the Kennedy family; and, 2, the failure of the Press and the media and the commentators to give the widest publicity to the Altgen photo showing Oswald standing in the entrance of the book depository building when the presidential car was passing by. The shirt Oswald is wearing is uncommon and has many easily identifiable characteristics as to make his identification positive and indisputable. The photo and the shirt itself are exhibits in one of Weisberg's books; and Oswald, wearing this shirt, is on the front cover of Epstein's paper-back "Inquest." Altho the Epstein photo is "cropped," (I

surmise intentionally) and only the head and shoulders are shown. I believe that this picture of Oswald was taken at the Dallas police station and if the full picture could be obtained, I feel that the shirt he was wearing in jail could be compared in detail with the shirt being worn by the man standing in the building entrance in the Altgen photo, then any person at a glance could compare the open neck line, the overlong sleeves, the missing button, the color, pattern and fabric and be convinced that it is Oswald in the Doorway and not on the 6th floor shooting at the president.

A copy of these comparative photos should be placed on the desk of every member of Congress and Congress could no longer shamefully remain silent about this monstrous crime. If in your opinion this could be done I would pledge \$100.00 toward the expense of making the photos and noting the similarities in detail in each photo.

I am sending you \$10.00 to help you with your newspaper; please accept it as you are performing a sacred service to our country. I have all of the Kennedy books you have published and would be interested in any new ones you may publish.

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