

[PART 10]

[Warning: This work constitutes an historic review of a brutal murder! Readers are advised that certain portions of this work may be disturbing to some individuals. If an individual is easily disturbed by this report they are advised to limit their viewing experience.]

How many shots were fired?

Question: How did the United States government lie about how many shots were fired?

Answer: Simply discount the physical evidence, change the crime scene and report that Oswald fired three impossible shots in only 5.7 seconds, two of which in 1.6 seconds, which is physically impossible, and drop off a “magic bullet” reportedly causing many of the wounds inflicted on two men; destroy medical evidence and finally ignore dozens of eyewitnesses.

One of the first governmental cover-ups of the murder of President Kennedy was to report the number of shots fired at the motorcade were less than can be proven to have been fired.

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A - Texas School Book Depository building and Dal-Tex building line of sight; looking east.
Photo taken in 2015.

B - The view from one floor above the “sniper” location on 6th floor, Texas School Book Depository.
Photo taken in 2015 from the 7th floor widow.

Note that even years later, the trees still obscure the road for some distance below the Texas School Book Depository.



Photo taken by Philip Willis shows Secret Service vehicle “Halfback” just after the second shot on Elm Street. Secret Service vehicle is about to go behind the Stemmons sign out of sight from Abraham Zapruder’s (1905-1970) camera view. Zapruder and his receptionist Marilyn Sitzer (1939-1993) are seen standing on the top of the white pedestal just to the right of the sign. Kennedy has just been hit in the throat from the front. Kennedy’s vehicle is just now coming into view of Zapruder’s camera once again. President Kennedy can be seen in the photo just to right of the motor officer on the far left of the photo. Most individuals in “Halfback” are looking towards the front or right to the sound of a gunshot. In error most published reports stated that the Secret Service agents were looking behind, but clearly they are looking towards the front right. No one is looking to the rear!

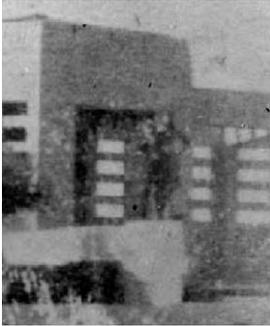


After Kennedy is hit the secret service agent in the front seat, both motor officers and Secret Service agent Clinton Hill, are all clearly looking to the right/front where they heard the sound of a shot.



Close-up of the individuals imaged between the sprockets of the Zapruder film reacting to the shot, looking directly at Mr. Zapruder as he stood just to the east of the Grassy Knoll.

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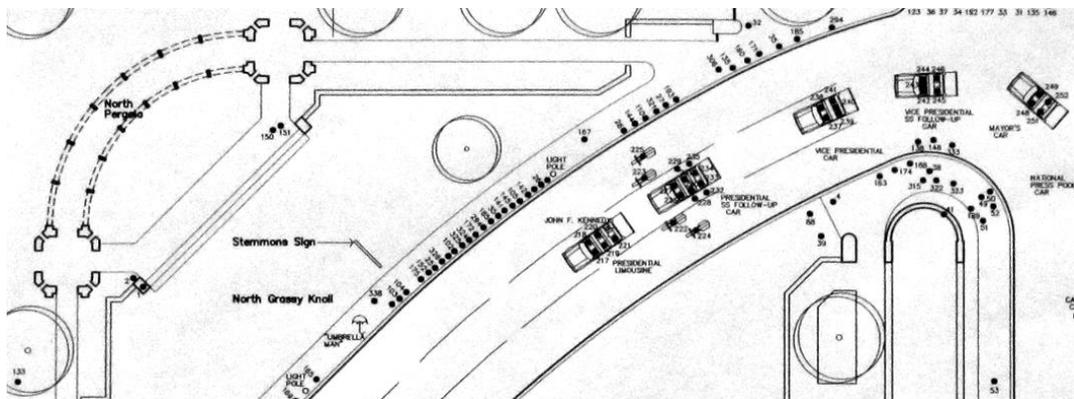


A - Abraham Zapruder and Marilyu Sitzman stand on the North Pergola. Sitzman stated, "I have no qualms saying that I'm almost sure that there was someone behind the fence or in that area up there [near the fence], but I'm just as sure that they had silencers because there was no sound." (Sound shadow?)

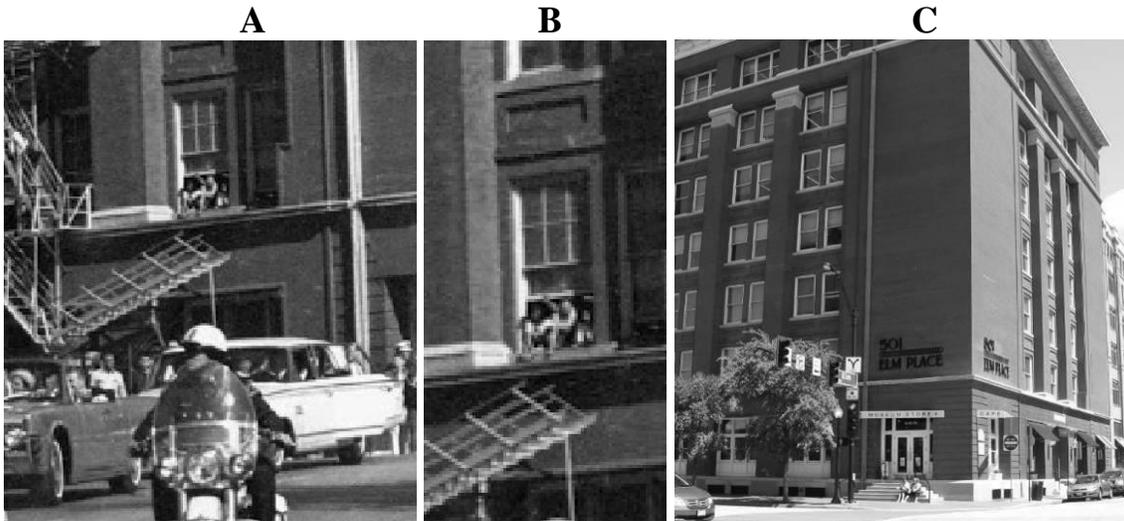
B - Photo showing the North Pergola with the picket fence on the far left on top of the Grassy Knoll. Photo taken in 2015.



Elm Street extension behind (north of) the Grassy Knoll looking west as seen from the corner of Elm and Houston Streets. The active Elm Street used by the motorcade is out of frame to the left of this 2015 image. The Texas School Book Depository is out of the frame to the right of the image.



Motorcade graphics reportedly just as President Kennedy was hit by the second fired shot in the neck. However the diagram places the Presidential vehicle too far (west) down the road when the shot was made. The President's vehicle was actually in the location indicated by the Secret Service vehicle just behind when he was hit.



A/B - Closer views of the second floor window of the Dal-Tex building on November 22, 1963.
 C - Dal-Tex building imaged in 2015. The clear view of Elm Street afforded from the second floor in 1963 is now completely blocked by vegetation and a new street sign.

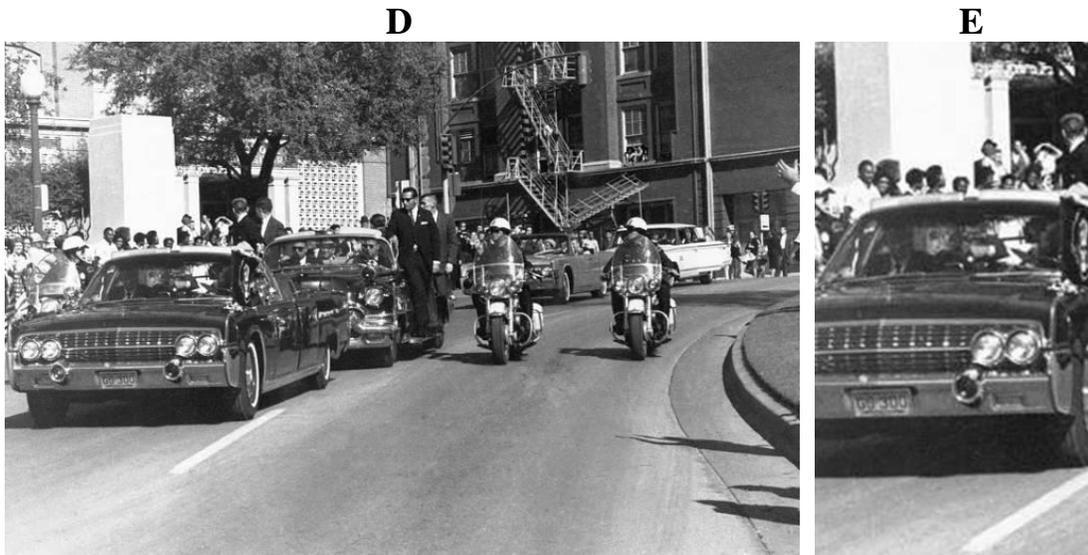


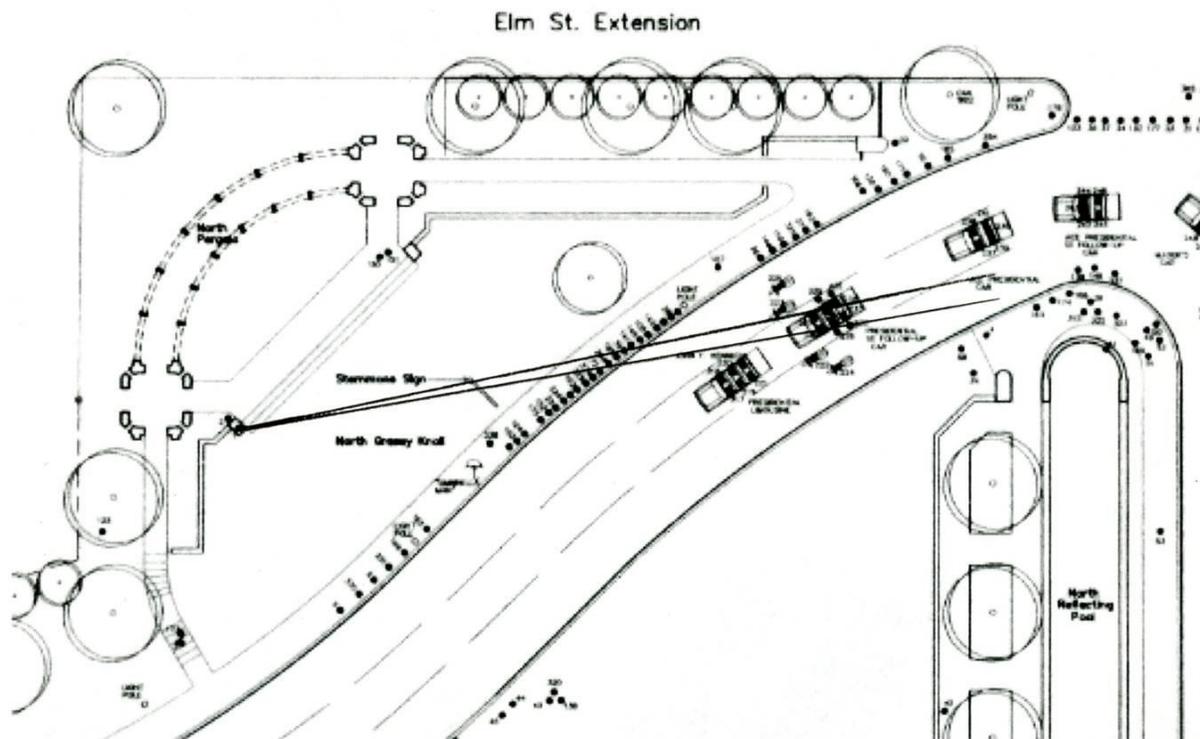
Photo by *Associated Press* photographer James William “Ike” Altgens (1919-1995): Motor Officer Doug Jackson on far left (out of photo range), Motor Officer James Chaney next to the right rear, Motor officer Billy Hargis next to the left rear and Motor Officer Billy Martin to the far outside left rear of the vehicle. Directly behind Motor Officer Billy Martin is the Dal-Tex building where it has been suggested that at least one shot was fired at the motorcade from a second floor window. Altgens tried to find a good camera angle on the bridge to the west, but uniformed police said it was private property and turned him away, and he moved to a location within the plaza. This confirms that there was an individual on the triple underpass removing individuals from the tracks.

First shot: Fired from behind the motorcade has missed everyone in the motorcade. (Warren report stated that this shot ricochets and hits James Thomas Tague (1936-2014) who was standing by the triple underpass. He later testified that the first shot he recalled hearing occurred after the presidential limousine had already completed the 120-degree slow turn from Houston Street onto Elm Street and then straightened out.)

Note that the motorcycle cops are still not in a protective position staying well behind the target vehicle. Some of the witnesses recognized the first gunshot they heard as weapons fire, but there was hardly any reaction to the first shot from a majority of the people in the crowd or those riding in the motorcade. **Some witnesses reported seeing the missed shot hit the concrete, including at least one Secret Service agent.** Some of the Secret Service agents have reacted by looking back towards the sound of the first missed shot. Within one second of each other, President Kennedy, Governor Connally, and Mrs. Kennedy all turned abruptly from looking to their left to looking to their right, between Zapruder film frames 155 and 169. **Connally testified that he immediately recognized the sound of a high-powered rifle.**

D - Second shot: Secret Service officers are reacting to the first shot behind them even as Kennedy is reacting to the second shot which hit him in the throat from the front. Mark Lane wrote, "The doctors who had labored in a futile effort to save Kennedy's life at Parkland Hospital all stated in contemporaneous interviews that the wound in his throat had been an entrance wound." "Mr. Kennedy was hit by a bullet in the throat, just below the Adams apple, they [the doctors] said. **This wound had the appearance of a bullet's entry.**"

E - Enlargement of A showing President Kennedy reacting to the wound in his throat at the interior thorax.



This photo shot angle diagram, which was not part of the Warren Commission, shows the location of Abraham Zapruder as he filmed the assassination of President Kennedy. This base engineering diagram of a northern section of Dealey Plaza shows the reported location of Kennedy's limousine and the following Secret Service vehicle at the proven time Kennedy was hit in the neck. This was the point seen in the Zapruder film when Kennedy goes behind the Stemmons sign and is immediately hit and then begins to react to the wound. However, as shown on the diagram, when a line is drawn from Mr. Zapruder's camera position on the left of the diagram through the Stemmons sign to the point on Elm Street it becomes clear that the President's vehicle was further east (to the right on this diagram) when he was first hit. **That position could not be seen by anyone looking out of the 6th floor window of the Texas School Book Depository as it was blocked by a live oak tree.** The actual camera angle using the sign as a straight line reference proves that Kennedy's limousine must have been in the position of the Secret Service vehicle shown on the diagram when he was first hit, not in the false location indicated on the diagram too far down the road to the west. By later removing the Stemmons sign it became impossible to accurately calculate the exact angle of Mr.

Zapruder's camera footage which could very well have proven the shot had come from the front as the target vehicle would have been obscured from a clear view by anyone in the Texas School Book Depository.

This diagram eliminates even the possibility of anyone firing a shot which caused the neck wound on President Kennedy from the Texas School Book Depository. This is why this diagram shot angle data was not used. This is why the Zapruder film had to be doctored; why the signs needed to be removed before an actual crime scene investigation could be conducted: why the tree was trimmed and why several photos of the first wounding of the President were not used in the investigation. **This diagram is one of many pieces of actual evidence that eliminate the "lone gunman" myth.**

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A - As shown above the live oak tree blocks part of the Elm Street view close to the Texas School Book Depository. Also, the President was hit in the neck at the position shown in the photo where the Secret Service vehicle is imaged in this photo; much closer to the blocking oak tree.

B - Aerial photo taken above the intersection of Houston and Elm Streets shows a clear perspective of the tree blocking the view of the street at the point President Kennedy was hit in the throat. The Texas School Book Depository is shown at the top left corner of the photo.



Elm Street looking east towards the Texas School Book Depository in 2015.

"X" on roadway marks the position of the Presidential vehicle when Kennedy was hit in the head.

A



B



A - Presidential limo, driven at 11.2 miles per hour. Kennedy has been hit in the throat and back. Connally has been hit in the back. Mary Ann Moorman (b. 1932) and Jean Hill (1931-2000) are seen on the left. Abraham Zapruder and his receptionist Marilyn Sitzman are standing on the top far left of the photo on top of the white pedestal. Note how few people are on Elm Street due to the change of route as people rush from the published Main Street route to see the president drive by on Elm Street. By the time the motorcade arrived at this point the crowds have thinned. In fact one of the best photographic pieces of evidence that the motorcade parade was over when the limousine entered Dealey Plaza is the extremely small number of people waiting along Elm Street in this image. Again, this was not the street the Secret Service had been told would be used after the motorcade parade had ended.

B - Where Abraham Zapruder and his receptionist Marilyn Sitzman were standing on the white pedestal. Imaged in 2015.



Extended view of the North Pergola area imaged in 2015 which shows the downhill slope of Elm Street through Dealey Plaza. This was the perfect place for an ambush because fewer people were in the area to see the shooters or to capture them after the shots were fired.

It would have been Secret Service policy and training that when shots ring out the driver of the limousine, Secret Service Agent William Greer would step on the gas immediately and the vehicle would have accelerated as fast as it could and gotten out of the line of the rifle fire. It did not matter if the suspected shots were real or imagined due to firecrackers going off or even a car backfire – policy dictates **STEP ON THE GAS!** There were no close vehicles in front of the Kennedy vehicle to block his driver from accelerating out of the ambush zone. This did not happen even though it was clear by the reaction of the Secret Service agents in the motorcade and the people in the limousine that shots were in fact being fired at them! **Why did this not happen?**

DATA POINT: The United States House of Representatives Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA), reported: “No actions were taken by the agent [Roy Kellerman] in the right front seat of the presidential limousine to cover the President with his body, although it would have

been consistent with Secret Service procedure for him to have done so.” In fact this is exactly what the Secret Service agent assigned to Vice President Johnson did.



C - The second shot has already hit Kennedy in the throat as he passed between Zapruder and the Stemmons sign; he is clearly reacting to the gunshot in his throat. Wound proves the shot was fired from the front which was confirmed by several doctors at Parkland Hospital. **This was the first proof of a second gunman.**

D - The third shot hits Connally in the back, wrist and leg, 1.6 seconds after Kennedy is hit in the throat, missing Kennedy who is still reacting to his throat wound. Reaction of Connally shows the shot that hit him came from behind the motorcade. Connally testified that when his head was facing about 20 degrees left of center he was hit in his upper right back by a bullet he did not hear fired. Connally stated, “I am convinced beyond any question of a doubt that the first shot that was fired did not hit me; then I was hit.” “You can see [in the Zapruder film] the grimace in the president’s face. You cannot see it in mine. There is no question about it. I haven’t been hit yet.” Mrs. Kennedy is holding Kennedy’s arm as he struggles to breath.

Analyses: In image “C” President Kennedy has been hit in the throat by a bullet and he has been reacting from the attack since behind the sign. It is clear that Governor Connally has not yet been hit by any bullets and is not reacting to the shot. In image “D” Connally has heard the shot and has already looked to the left and has had sufficient time to look to the right and has just been hit by a separate bullet. Mrs. Kennedy in “C” and “D” has not yet begun to react to Connally being hit. She reacts to Connally’s scream in image “E”. There is no scientific possibility that the same bullet which has already hit President Kennedy in the throat or the one that hit him in the back could have caused any wounds on Governor Connally. Governor Connally remembered, “I was in the process of turning when to my left and that’s when I felt the impact of the bullet that hit me; went into my back shoulder...”

On the day of the assassination, Nellie Connally was seated in the presidential car next to Governor Connally, who was her husband. In her book *From Love Field: Our Final Hours*, she said she believed that her “husband was hit by a bullet separate from the two that hit Kennedy”. Mrs. Connally testified that just after hearing a loud, frightening noise that came from somewhere behind her and to her right, she turned toward President Kennedy and saw him raise his arms and elbows, with his hands in front of his face and throat. **[One bullet hit.]** She then heard another gunshot and then Governor Connally yelling. “Oh, no, no, no. My god. They’re going to kill us all!” He had time to say all of this before the next shot. **[A second bullet hit.]** Mrs. Connally then turned away from Kennedy toward her husband, at which point another gunshot sounded and she and the limousine’s rear interior were covered with fragments of skull, blood, and brain. **[A third bullet hit.]**

DATA POINT: Governor Connally would later testify that, “I am convinced beyond any question of a doubt that the first shot that was fired did not hit me. Then I was hit.” This is clear testimony from an individual who were there and directly in the line of fire that the bullet that hit Kennedy in the throat was not the same bullet that hit Governor Connally which is clearly indicated by the movie footage of the assassination! This testimony and the movie footage, ends any speculation about the “single bullet theory” or a “magic bullet” doing most of the injuries to Kennedy and Connally.

E - The fourth shot hits Kennedy in back/lung 3” right of the mid line of the back. (Later photo data would lower the point 3 inches lower than what was shown by the Warren Report.) Puffed up cheeks is a clear indication of a wound to his lung forcing out air. Direction of his body moving forward clearly shows the shot came from behind. Mrs. Kennedy sees that both her husband and Connally are wounded, and remarks, “My god, he’s shot!”

o “Secret Service Agent Glen A. Bennett in the follow-up vehicle stated he, “saw that shot hit the President about four inches down from the right shoulder.”

o Jean Hill very close to the President saw the results of the wound in Kennedy’s back. “We looked at him... two shots rang out and he grabbed his chest.” She clearly heard Mrs. Kennedy say “My god, he’s shot!”

The first FBI gunshot report stated that, “medical examination of the President’s body revealed that one of the bullets had entered just below his shoulder to the right of the spinal column and the bullet was not in the body.”

DATA POINT: By this time President Kennedy has been hit twice; Connally has been hit once and yelled out in great pain. Both women see that these men have been hit, and still Secret Service Agent Greer did not step on the gas and drive that vehicle out of the ambush area. Secret Service Agent Kellerman did not attempt to protect Kennedy and simply looked behind him. Even as the sound of several rifle shots were echoing around Dealey Plaza. Both of these men could not have mistaken the gunshots for anything other than coming from a rifle hitting people in the car!

Question: Was Secret Service Agent Greer totally incompetent or was he part of the plan to murder Kennedy?

Answer: Secret Service Agent Greer was totally incompetent as he was recovering from a night of drinking and partying.

This of course does not remove the possibility that he may indeed have been part of a murder plot.

“Hey Mr. President; Look this way we want to take your picture.” Jean Lollis Hill

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G



F - Photo taken by Mary Moorman 1/6th of a second after President Kennedy was hit in the head. If the kill shot came from behind the motorcade it would have targeted the center-back of Kennedy’s head which was clearly visible from behind, not on the front side where he was actually hit.

G - Same area photographed in 2015 showing a good deal more vegetation at the site.



Close-up of picket fence (which has replaced the original one from 1963) imaged in 2015. In 1963 the vegetation was less dense, making it much easier to see anyone standing behind the picket fence.

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H - Based on the Zapruder film it was found that the limousine had an average speed of 11.2 miles per hour over the 186 feet of Elm Street immediately preceding the fatal head shot. Mary Moorman is front left in dark dress taking a photo with Jean Hill in the red dress to her right. Jean Hill “Hey Mr. President; Look this way we want to take your picture.” “About that time the shots rang out.”

It should be noted that the 10 mile per hour wind is clearly seen affecting the coats worn by the women in the photo and it is blowing towards the north-east. Nevertheless, the impact of the shot that hit President Kennedy still had such force that **even against a steady 10 mile per hour wind, blood, bone fragments and brain matter still flew against the wind BACK AND TO THE LEFT!**

I - **The fifth shot** hits Kennedy in the front right side of his head. Frame 313 of the Zapruder film captures the fatal shot to the President’s head. Impact and direction of body clearly show the shot came from the front.
It is 12:30 p.m. central time in Dallas, Texas, and President John F. Kennedy is brain dead even as his heart continues to beat for another 30 minutes.

DATA POINT: No fewer than five individuals recorded the fatal head shot to President Kennedy on film; three by 8mm movie camera and two by still photography.

An FBI report dated November 29, 1963 by FBI agents Robert M. Barrett and Ivan M. Lee indicates that three separate shots hit these men with no magic bullet. “SA HOWLETT advised that it had been ascertained from the movies that President KENNEDY, had been hit by the first and third shots while Gov. CONNALLY was struck with the second shot.

Testimony of Robert J. Groden, Photo consultant, House Select Committee on Assassinations, 1978

“Dealing with various interpretations of the film, there is very little raised as to the direction in most portions of the film, except that at the moment of the head shot. At the moment of the head shot, we see the President thrown violently backward to the rear and to his left which would seemingly indicate a shot from the right front, from the area of the **Grassy Knoll**. The Grassy Knoll is mentioned here because a great many witnesses felt that at least one of the shots came from that area. **The film shows the President going to the rear and the left on a direct axis from this point**, therefore, many people have concluded that what we may be seeing is the result of a shot from the right front, striking the President in the head.”

In other words the shot to the President’s head and its violent movement backwards, as captured on motion picture film, lines up perfectly with a shot fired from the Grassy Knoll!



After Kennedy has been clearly hit in the throat driver Secret Service Agent Robert Greer looks back over his right shoulder and clearly sees the President has been hit and does nothing! Why was he looking back when his full responsibility is to be fully aware of everything in front of him. Agent in charge Secret Service Agent Roy S. Kellerman also does nothing! The vehicle continues into the sniper cross fire zone at a slow speed.



As President Kennedy is hit a second time, this time in the back Secret Service Agent Kellerman and Governor Connally look back and see that Kennedy has been hit a second time. Kellerman still does nothing, and **does not order the driver to speed up!** Governor Connally is holding his Texas style hat about to be shot in the back.



Driver Greer looks back a second time as Governor Connally is hit in the back; Greer continues to drive at a slow speed despite the fact that he now fully understands that two men have been hit by bullets! He and many others in Dealey Plaza could hear echoes from the gunshots off the buildings.

Some individuals saw the vehicle move so slowly that when the President was shot, from their angle it appeared to stop completely even though the vehicle never stopped.

Secret Service agent/driver **Robert Greer** made a statement **under oath** recalling his actions on November 22, 1963.

“I arrived at Love Field, Dallas, Texas aboard USAF Plane #26000 from Fort Worth, Texas. My assignment at Dallas was to drive the President’s Lincoln Convertible Limousine. When we came to a point where the crowd had thinned out, there was a right turn for about half a block and then a left turn. At this point, I would say the President’s automobile was traveling about 12 to 15 miles per hour. A short distance ahead, the street passed under a railroad or expressway. A building stood on the right side of the street that would have been the last building we would have had to pass before entering the underpass. The President’s automobile was almost past this building and I was looking at the overpass that we were about to pass under in case someone was on top of it, when I heard what I thought was the backfire of a motorcycle behind the President’s automobile. **After the second shot, I glanced over my right shoulder and saw Governor Connally start to fall, I knew then that something was wrong and I immediately pushed the accelerator to the floor and Mr. Kellerman said, ‘get out of here.’**”

Mr. Greer made his statement before he learned that he had been filmed. Unfortunately for Mr. Greer, Americans were filming his actions on that fateful day and the images they took **PROVE that he lied under oath!** These images clearly show that after he realized that President Kennedy and Governor Connally were both hit by gunfire Mr. Greer did nothing at all. By his own words “...after the second shot...” he said that he understood that gunfire was in play. His report to the secret service may well have been accepted by the American people, but for the film taken on that day. As a side note; no one in the vehicle ever reported hearing Mr. Kellerman yell, “Get out of here!” He was too busy ducking for cover as far as he could in the front seat which can be clearly seen in the footage after Kennedy is shot in the head as seen in the final images of the Zapruder film even as Secret Service Agent Clint Hill covers Mrs. Kennedy with his body!



Driver Greer continues to look back as Governor Connally screams from pain and continues to drive at a slow speed! [Kennedy shot twice – Connally shot once] **There was no doubt that shots were being fired at the vehicle!**

It should also be understood that the noise being heard was more than the sounds of gunfire; bullets racing past and the screams of a wounded man. One bullet had struck the pavement near the vehicle. One round had slammed into the President's back, causing a distinctive thud. Another round had slammed into the governor, causing a similar sound of impact, as well as one bullet fragment impacting the dash board right between the secret service agents in the front seats, not to mention the damage being caused to the front windshield! Once again, **there was no doubt that shots were being fired at the vehicle!** And yet, the driver did not, as he falsely stated under oath, "pushed the accelerator to the floor."



Street



Dash board



Windshield

Secret Service agent in charge **Roy H. Kellerman** made a statement **under oath** recalling his actions on November 22, 1963.

"We departed Love Field at 11:55 a.m., along the planned motorcade route, en-route to a luncheon at the Trade Mart, given by the Democratic Citizens Council, scheduled for 12:30 p.m. CST. As the motorcade completed the main thoroughfare through Dallas, we made a sharp right turn, for about a 1/2 block, then a curved left turn into a slight downhill grade entering an area with little or no spectators. We were still traveling at the normal rate of speed of from 12 to 15 miles per hour when I heard a noise, similar to a firecracker, exploding in the area to the rear of the car, about 12:30 p.m. **Immediately I heard what I firmly believe was the President's voice, 'My God, I'm hit!'** I turned around to find out what happened when **two additional shots rang out**, and the President slumped into Mrs. Kennedy's lap and Governor Connally

fell to Mrs. Connally's lap. I heard Mrs. Kennedy shout 'What are they doing to you?' I yelled at William Greer (the driver) to 'Step on it, we're hit!' and grabbed the mike from the car radio, called to SA Lawson in the police lead car that we were hit and to get us to a hospital."

By his own statement Mr. Kellerman hears the President of the United States yell, "My god, I'm hit!" and instead of ordering an immediate acceleration as fast as they can go to get out of the line of fire he takes the time to look around??? **The film images do not lie. Was he there to protect the President or to make certain that Kennedy never made it out of Dallas alive?**



President Kennedy is hit by the fatal shot as Driver Greer continues to look directly at him. **Agent in charge Roy S. Kellerman continues to do nothing to save the President's life in fact the film clearly shows that he ducks down in his seat after President Kennedy was hit in the head! He came back up only after the vehicle had passed the Grassy Knoll and there were no more shots being fired.**

If this bullet hitting President Kennedy in the head had been fired from behind it would have been a grazing shot and the bullet would have continued on hitting either Governor Connally a second time or the Secret Service agent in the front seat.

Secret Service Agent Roy Kellerman later testified, "I turned around to find out what happened when two additional shots rang out and the President slumped into Mrs. Kennedy's lap and Governor Connally fell to Mrs. Connally's lap." This means that he knew they were being fired on and he did nothing other than duck for cover! He further stated that **the shooting ended with a "flurry of shells"; the sixth and seventh shots**, and he still stayed in his seat as low as he could! These shots have all of the aspects of a military ambush performed in a cross-fire to insure success of the ambush.

The House Select Committee on Assassinations declared in 1979 that "the Secret Service was deficient in the performance of its duties" to say the very least, at the time of the assassination, and that President Kennedy did not receive adequate protection in Dallas. Regarding the conduct of Secret Service Agent Roy Kellerman, the HSCA noted: "No actions were taken by the agent in the right front seat of the Presidential limousine [Roy Kellerman] to cover the President with his body, although it would have been consistent with Secret Service procedure for him to have done so. The primary function of the agent was to remain at all times in close proximity to the President in the event of such emergencies."

[END PART 10]

R. Michael Gordon, 2021

**[Next week: Part 11: How many shots were fired, continued -
Two American heroes.]**