

PART 6

Miscellaneous witnesses

310) Deputy Sheriff Jack W. Faulkner [deceased Oct. 1996]:

- a) Report dated 11/22/63 (19 H 511)---"...I asked a woman if they had hit the President, and she told me that he was dead, that he had been shot thru the head. I asked her where the shorts [sic] came from, and she pointed toward the concrete arcade on the east side of Elm St., just west of Houston St...we talked to [TSBD] office workers who told us that they were looking out of the third floor window when the shots were fired from the street near the concrete arcade...";
- b) other WC references: 19 H 466, 514;
- c) "No More Silence" by Larry Sneed (1998), pp. 215-223+photos---[p.216] "As we were crossing Elm Street, [A.D.] McCurley picked up a white piece of bone near the north curb. He asked me, "Do you suppose that could be part of his skull?" I said, "There's no blood on it," and he put it down. Later, we got to thinking, and somebody said your skull doesn't necessarily have to be touching something that's bloody. We went back and looked for it later but never found it. To this day, I believe it was a piece of John Kennedy's skull.";

311) Phil Willis [deceased]:

- a) 7 H 492-497 / testimony;
- b) WC references: WR 112; 7 H 352; 15 H 695-697; 20 H 183; 21 H 765-773 (12 Willis' photos);
- c) "Photographic Whitewash" by Harold Weisberg (1967), p. 178---letter to Weisberg;
- d) Prosecution witness in Jim Garrison's trial of Clay Shaw (see "Destiny Betrayed: JFK, Cuba, and the Garrison Case" by James DiEugenio, p. 289);
- e) HSCA interview;
- f) "Speak-Up America: JFK Assassination Inquiry" NBC 1980;
- g) "The Men Who Killed Kennedy" 1988 [see also "High Treason", p. 454]---"I'm very dead certain at least one shot came from the front.";
- h) "USA Today Program: Opening of the TSBD Assassination Museum" 2/20/89;
- i) "Who's Who in the JFK Assassination" by Michael Benson (1993), p. 483---good summary of sources re: Willis;
- j) "JFK: The Case For Conspiracy" video 1993 [see also Groden's "TKOAP", p. 86: captioned photo]---"It took the back of his head off [indicating].";
- k) "Pictures of the Pain" by Richard Trask (1994), pp. 167-182 (chapter 5) [see also "Photographic Memory" by Richard Trask (1996), pp. 59-63]---inc. information gleaned from Willis' letter to Trask dated 6/29/84 and an interview with Willis from 11/22/85; "No one will ever convince us that the last shot did not come from the right front, from the knoll area.";
- l) "Murder In Dealey Plaza" by James Fetzer (2000), pages 32, 42, 50, 122, 174

312) Marilyn Willis, Phil's wife:

- a) testified with husband Phil at Clay Shaw trial;
- b) HSCA interview;
- c) "The Men Who Killed Kennedy" 1988---"The head shot seemed to come from the right front. It seemed to strike him here[indicating right temple/forehead area], his head went back, and all the brain matter went out the back of the head, it was like a red halo.";
- d) "Geraldo", 11/18/91---two shooters, shots from two directions;
- e) "JFK: The Case For Conspiracy" video 1993 [see also Groden's "TKOAP", p. 87]---"A red 'halo.' Matter [was] coming out the back of his head [indicating].";
- f) interviewed on A&E's "Biography: Lee Harvey Oswald" 11/21/95---doesn't say much due to editing;
- g) "Murder In Dealey Plaza" by James Fetzer (2000), pages 123, 174

313) Linda Kay Willis, one of two daughters:

- a) 7 H 498-499 / testimony;
- b) "The Men Who Killed Kennedy" 1988---"the back of his head blew off...t doesn't make sense to be hit from the rear and still have your face intact.";
- c) "Geraldo", 11/18/91---agreed with mother that there were two shooters and the shots came from two directions;
- d) "Who's Who in the JFK Assassination" by Michael Benson (1993), pp. 482-483---good summary of sources re: Linda Willis;
- e) interviewed on A&E's "Biography: Lee Harvey Oswald" 11/21/95---doesn't say much due to editing;

314) Rosemary Willis, one of two daughters:

- a) WC reference: 7 H 496;
- b) "The Dallas Times-Herald", 6/3/79 [see also "Case Closed" by Gerald Posner, pp. 321-322, and "Case Open" by Harold Weisberg, pp. 11-14, 25-30, 34-37];
- c) "San Francisco Examiner", 6/5/79---believed that other shots, particularly the head shot, were fired from elsewhere, possibly from a silencer;
- d) "Conspiracy" by Anthony Summers, p. 49;
- e) "Conspiracy of One" by Jim Moore (1990), p. 118;

315) Beverly Oliver (Massagee):

- a) 1964 film shown on "Reel Wild Cinema" 7/15/97 USA Network [clips from this "stag" film appear in "Who Killed JFK: The Final Chapter?" 11/19/93 CBS];
- b) "The Men Who Killed Kennedy" 1988/1991/1995 [see also "High Treason", p. 461]---saw "the back of his head come off";
- c) technical adviser to "JFK" 1991---cameo? [see "JFK: The Book of the Film", pp. 119-121 and footnotes];

- d) Mark Oakes Eyewitness Video 1991;
- e) "Beyond JFK: The Question Of Conspiracy" (1991/1992);
- f) Mack Vs. Oliver" 1993;
- g) "Who Killed JFK: The Final Chapter?" 11/19/93 CBS;
- h) "Who's Who in the JFK Assassination" by Michael Benson (1993), pp. 323-324---good summary/ sources on Oliver;
- i) "JFK: The Case For Conspiracy" 1993/1994 Groden [see also Groden's "TKOAP", p. 86: captioned photo]---"The whole back of his head went flying out the back of the car [indicating].";
- j) Her book "Nightmare in Dallas" (1994);
- k) Mark Oakes' video "On The Trail of the Mystery FBI Man" (w/ Al Maddox);
- l) "Treachery In Dallas" by Walt Brown (1995), pp. 190-192;
- l) Vince Palamara video 11/22/97;**
- m) "Murder In Dealey Plaza" by James Fetzer (2000), pages 45, 174

316) Ed Hoffman:

- a) "The Men Who Killed Kennedy" 1988/1991/1995 [see also "High Treason", pp. 462-463]---saw two men behind picket fence atop the grassy knoll, one of which fired upon JFK;
- b) A.S.K. 11/91;
- c) "Beyond JFK: The Question Of Conspiracy" (1991/1992);
- d) "48 Hours" CBS 2/92;
- e) "The Jim Garrison Tapes" 1992 [daughter Mary Hoffman Sawyer acts as his interpreter here];
- f) "The Search For The Truth" 1992 AIC;
- g) "Who Killed JFK: The Final Chapter?" 11/19/93 CBS;
- h) "Who's Who in the JFK Assassination" by Michael Benson (1993), p. 192---good summary/ sources on Hoffman;
- i) "JFK: Breaking The Silence" by Bill Sloan (1993), pp. 10-49 (chapter one)---very detailed info. on Hoffman;
- j) "JFK: The Case For Conspiracy" 1993/1994 Groden [see also Groden's "TKOAP", p. 87: captioned photo]--"The rear of his head was gone, blasted outward [indicating].";
- k) Olathe, KS symposium 10/94 [see "Dallas '63", Vol. 1, No.4, pp. 27-28];
- l) JFK/ Lancer 11/96;
- m) JFK/ Lancer 11/97;
- n) Bill Law video 11/22/97;
- o) His manuscript "Eyewitness" (1997/ updated);
- p) "Murder In Dealey Plaza" by James Fetzer (2000), pages 45, 46, 174

317) Vincent E. Drain, FBI Special Agent:

- a) WC references: numerous (see "Referenced Index Guide To the Warren Commission" by Walt Brown, p. 54);

- b) "The Day Kennedy Was Shot" by Jim Bishop, pp. 188-189, 467, 543, 614, 636, 641-643, 663-664;
- c) "Who's Who in the JFK Assassination" by Michael Benson (1993), pp. 117-118---good summary/ sources on Drain, inc. Drain's 1984 comments to Henry Hurt ("Reasonable Doubt", p. 109);
- d) "With Malice: Lee Harvey Oswald and the Murder of Officer J.D. Tippit" by Dale K. Myers (1998), pp. 641-642;
- e) "No More Silence" by Larry Sneed (1998), pp. 245-262+photo---[p. 246]
"When I arrived in the trauma room, the doctors were working with President Kennedy. They were trying to do what they could to stop the gurgling sound he was making by performing a tracheotomy on him. Despite the fact, as I later learned, that he was dead, his body reflexes were still working. I wasn't up close to the body, but I could still see fairly well the large amount of blood from the head wound. The head was badly damaged from the lower right base across the top extending across the top of the ear. It appeared to me as though the bullet traveled upward and had taken off the right portion of his skull. It may have been the security officer or one of the other officers who gave me a portion of the skull which was about the size of a teacup, much larger than a silver dollar. Apparently the explosion had jerked it because the hair was still on it. I carried that back to Washington later that night and turned it over to the FBI laboratory.";
- f) "Murder In Dealey Plaza" by James Fetzer (2000), page 116

[Original FBI and Secret Service conclusions: all three shots hit within the limousine (CD1, p. 1; CD87, SS235, p. 1; "Six Seconds In Dallas", p. 64; "Reasonable Doubt", p. 132; "Whitewash II: the FBI-Secret Service Coverup" by Harold Weisberg, pages 168, 243 and 248)]

318) James "Ike" Altgens, AP photographer [deceased 12/12/95]:

- a) 7 H 515-525 / testimony;
- b) other WC references: 16 H 584, 965; 17 H 93; 22 H 790-792;
- c) "The Trial of Lee Harvey Oswald" 1964 [Altgens appears as a witness, but not as himself];
- d) Part 2 of "CBS News Inquiry: The Warren Report" 6/26/67;
- e) 6/2/64 FBI interview (see "Photographic Whitewash" by Harold Weisberg, pp. 202-206)---"He said the bullet struck President Kennedy on the right side of his head and the impact knocked the President forward. Altgens stated pieces of flesh, blood, and bones appeared to fly from the right side of the President's head and pass in front of Mrs. Kennedy to the left of the Presidential limousine.";
- e) C-Span 11/20/93;
- f) All 3 of Richard Trask's books: "Pictures of the Pain" (1994), pp. 307-324 (chapter 13), "Photographic Memory" (1996), pp. 13-19, and "That Day in Dal-

las" (1998), pp. 57-76 (chapter 2)---inc. information gleaned from interviews with (11/21/85, 11/16/91, 10/23/92) and letters (3/31/84, 4/21/84, 6/23/84, 6/21/86, 12/19/91, 8/11/93) from Altgens;

g) "No More Silence" by Larry Sneed (1998), pp. 41-59+photo---[pp. 49-50] "The tissue, perhaps bone, a lot of fragments, all came my way. It came in my direction because I was standing right by the curb area on the south side of Elm Street which means that it came across Jackie Kennedy, perhaps fifteen feet from the limousine, some of this, of course, falling in the car, some out of the car. But the majority of the mass that was coming from his head came directly like a straight shot out my way on to the left in a straight line. When he fell over into her lap, the blood was on the left side of his face. There was no blood on the right hand side which suggested to me that the wound was more to the left than it was to the right.";

h) "Murder In Dealey Plaza" by James Fetzer (2000), pages 28, 34, 35, 123, 152, 259

319-320) William Eugene and (Frances) Gayle Newman:

a) WFAA/ ABC 11/22/63 [see 1983 rebroadcast "The Kennedy Tapes" for unedited portions]---"...a gunshot, apparently from behind us, hit the President in the side of the temple [indicating].";
[above clip familiar/ repeated: Mark Lane "Rush To Judgement" film (1967/1988), "The Two Kennedys" (1976), "JFK: The Day The Nation Cried" (1988), "The Jim Garrison Tapes" (1992), "Beyond JFK: The Question Of Conspiracy" (1991/1992), etc.];

b) complete Tom Alyea film from 11/22/63 (silent)---Newman is shown pointing emphatically at his right temple;

c) 19 H 490 / 24 H 219: Bill Newman's 11/22/63 Sheriff Dept. interview report---"...he was hit in the side of the head. Then he fell back...I thought the shot had come from the garden directly behind me, that was on an elevation from where I was as I was right on the curb. I do not recall looking toward the Texas School Book Depository. I looked back in the vicinity of the garden.";

d) 22 H 842-843: Bill Newman's 11/24/63 FBI interview report---"He said the President was hit on the right side of the head with the third shot and he heard the thud when the bullet struck the President.";

e) 19 H 488 / 24 H 218: Gayle Newman's 11/22/63 Sheriff Dept. interview report---"I saw blood all over the side of his head.";

f) 22 H 842: Gayle Newman's 11/24/63 FBI interview report---"...the President had been hit in the head...";

g) William only: 1966 interview with Josiah Thompson ("Six Seconds In Dallas", p. 126; see also "Reasonable Doubt" by Henry Hurt, p. 118)---"I thought the shot was fired from directly behind where we were standing.";

h) Both Bill and Gayle testified in the Clay Shaw trial; in fact, Bill was the first witness called by Jim Garrison [see Groden's "TKOAP", p. 142];

i) William only: "On Trial: Lee Harvey Oswald" 1986 Showtime;

j) William & Gayle: "JFK: The Day the Nation Cried" (1988);

- k) William & Gayle: "USA Today Program: Opening of TSBD Assassination Museum" 2/20/89;
- l) William & Gayle: "The Men Who Killed Kennedy" 1991/1995;
- m) William & Gayle: Mark Oakes EyeWitness Video 1991;
- n) William only: Portrayed by actor Vincent D'Onofrio in the Oliver Stone movie "JFK" (1991) [see also pages 12 and 582 of "JFK: The Book of the Film"];
- o) "JFK: Breaking The Silence" by Bill Sloan (1993), pp. 168-174 (chapter 8);
- p) "Who's Who in the JFK Assassination" by Michael Benson (1993), pp. 310-311---good summary/ sources on the Newmans;
- q) William only: Bill Law video 11/22/97;
- r) William & Gayle: "48 Hours" (7/9/98) CBS [then and now];
- s) William only: "No More Silence" by Larry Sneed (1998), pp. 94-101+photo;
- t) William only: "Murder In Dealey Plaza" by James Fetzer (2000), pages 125, 148, 172, 341

321) Postal Inspector Harry D. Holmes [deceased 10/89]:

- a) 7 H 289-308, 525-530 / testimony;
- b) other WC references: WR 121, 181, 201, 312; 4 H 228-229; 7 H 155, 256, 266, 590, 592; 13 H 4, 25-26; 15 H 151; 20 H 177-180; 24 H 488-492;
- c) "Murder From Within" by Fred Newcomb and Perry Adams, p. 213 (based off an early 1970's interview)--- "A postal inspector [Holmes] picked up a piece of skull from the Elm St. pavement. He said it was as "...big as the end of my finger..." Furthermore, it was one of many: "...there was just pieces of skull and bone and corruption all over the place..." He later discarded it.!!!!";
- d) "No More Silence" by Larry Sneed (1998), pp. 351-371+photo---[p. 352] "...there was just a cone of blood and corruption that went up right in the back of his head and neck. I thought it was red paper on a firecracker. It looked like a firecracker lit up which looks like little bits of red paper as it goes up. But in reality it was his skull and brains and everything else that went up perhaps as much as six or eight feet. Just like that!";
- e) "Murder In Dealey Plaza" by James Fetzer (2000), pages 46, 124, 172

322) Deputy Sheriff Al Maddox:

- a) Mark Oakes Eyewitness Video 1991;
- b) "The Kennedy Assassinations-Coincidence or Conspiracy?" 7/7/92;
- c) Oakes' "On The Trail of The Mystery FBI Man" (w/ Beverly Oliver);
- d) Mark Oakes "Eyewitness Video III" 1998---Regarding Deputy Sheriff Buddy Walthers: "I believe he showed me the bullet" [the one found near the manhole cover on Elm];
- e) "No More Silence" by Larry Sneed (1998), pp. 507-517+photo---[p. 509] "...I also saw human tissue lying in the street which was being wiped and cleaned

up at the time. That was right about where the President was said to have been hit. I also saw one of the motorcycle officers who was splattered with blood.";

323) Norman Mitchel Similas:

- a) "The New York Times", 11/23/63---"I could see a hole in the President's left temple and his head and hair were bathed in blood.";
- b) "Photographic Whitewash" by Harold Weisberg (1967), pp. 81-94, 97, 212, 214-222, 224-235, 237-240---inc. the 7/15/64 "Liberty" magazine article and several FBI reports on Similas;
- c) "Who's Who in the JFK Assassination" by Michael Benson (1993), page 419---good summary/ sources on Similas;
- d) "Pictures of the Pain" by Richard Trask (1994), pp. 594-599;
- e) "Murder In Dealey Plaza" by James Fetzer (2000), pages 59, 126, 152, 259

324) Alan Smith:

- a) "Chicago Tribune", 11/23/63, p. 9 [see also "Murder From Within", p. 71]--- "...The car was ten feet from me when a bullet hit the President in the forehead...the car went about five feet and stopped." [see Dr. Seldin, DPD Chaney, and Bill Newman, above; "Triangle of Fire" author Bob Goodman claimed to be Alan Smith during a 1992 interview with Ian Griggs. Goodman does claim to be an eyewitness in his book---on page 3, he states that "One of the bullets hit the President in his forehead."];
- b) "Murder In Dealey Plaza" by James Fetzer (2000), pages 123, 342

325) DPD Joseph R. "Joe" Cody:

- a) WC references: 13 H 189-190; 14 H 33, 295, 558; 15 H 616; 23 H 344;
- b) "Geraldo", 11/23/88;
- c) "Who's Who in the JFK Assassination" by Michael Benson (1993), p. 82;
- d) "The Search For Lee Harvey Oswald" by Robert Groden (1995), p. 176;
- e) "With Malice: Lee Harvey Oswald and the Murder of Officer J.D. Tippit" by Dale Myers (1998), p. 335;
- a) "No More Silence" by Larry Sneed (1998), pp. 467-480+photo---[p.467] "...we jumped in our car and arrived at the scene where Kennedy was shot and killed in just three or four minutes. By that time, it was probably ten minutes after the shooting. While we were there, I searched the plaza and found a bone lying in the gutter that apparently came out of the back of the President's head." [emphasis added];

addendum:

326) Robert E. Schorlemer, M.D.

"I was a senior medical student making rounds in the E.R. (at Parkland Hospital) with second-year surgery resident, Dr. James Carrico, to evaluate who was to be admitted from the night-shift holdovers. We were moving from one stall to another when we heard banging of doors from the triage station at the front of the ER. Shortly thereafter, we heard screaming from the front asking for more stretchers, and right after that Gov. Connally was pushed through the hall door on a gurney. He was wearing a gray silk suit with alligator shoes and was moaning and gasping for air.

Red Duke, the chief resident in surgery manning the ER, jumped up from the nurses' station, and we all moved into ER operating room #1 to take care of him. I opened his shirt to see a chest wound on his right side sucking air. Red directed that a Vaseline gauze pad be placed over the wound to help seal the pneumothorax that was produced by this until they could get a chest tube placed. I did this. At that point, Jim Carrico said, "Let's go to the next room to get ready for the next case coming in."

As we walked out of the room, President Kennedy was wheeled into the hallway separating the two rooms. In my disbelief, I figured that this had to be his double as no one could believe that the president could be placed in such jeopardy. As one could see, half of the calvarium of the skull had been blown away with the underlying brain exposed and the flap produced lying behind his head. Some agonal movements were being made, and Jim directed that I get the IV started while he tried to intubate him. His comment was, "Boy, I'm lucky to have been able to intubate him because the trachea was severed by one of the bullets."

At this time two Secret Service agents entered the room cursing and yelling. They asked who I was, since I had removed my newly cleaned and pressed white jacket worn by all medical students at the time. I didn't want to get any stains on it at the time. (Now it would have been a collector's item.) When they found out I was a lowly medical student, they kicked me out of the room. I then called for the chief of the surgery and neurosurgery resident and Dr. Kemp Clark, head of the neurosurgery department.

Jackie, who had come in with the stretcher carrying President Kennedy, stood outside the room in the hall separating the two ER operating rooms. She remained there, until they removed Kennedy after pronouncing him dead. Even though the Secret Service agents

removed me from the room, they did not cordon the area off enough to keep another medical student... from coming around from the prep and cleaning area to come up to Jackie and attempt to console her. I thought this rather strange that no one was paying attention to her at the time other than a complete stranger. He had, previous to being a medical student, been an evangelistic singer.

It's amazing that (my) memory is unchanged from the day this happened. I don't have trouble remembering any of the details.

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