



Charge Warren Commission Error On JFK Bullet

By LEE HARRISON
The Warren Commission was wrong

when it concluded that President John F. Kennedy and former Texas Gov. John Connally were struck by the same bullet, says the surgeon who operated on Connally.

Dr. Robert Shaw, who operated on Gov. Connally at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas only minutes after JFK's assassination, told The ENQUIRER: "Gov. Connally was definitely hit by a separate bullet — a bullet

which the FBI and the Warren Commission have never found. The Warren Commission, he said, insisted only two bullets found their mark on Nov. 22, 1963.

The first one tore through Kennedy's neck, then supposedly struck Connally in the back, exited through his chest, then ripped through his right wrist and left thigh. A second slug struck the President in the head, the Warren Commission concluded.

"But it's my belief that there were three bullets fired," Dr. Shaw declared. "There were at least three bullets. Two hit the President, and the third hit Gov. Connally."

The Warren Commission said that the bullet found on the stretcher which carried Gov. Connally to the hospital was the same one that went through JFK's neck, shattered one of Connally's ribs and smashed his wrist.

"Any bullet causing so much bone damage would have been badly mutilated," Dr. Shaw said. "Yet the bullet found on the governor's stretcher was almost pristine. I am convinced that the bullet on the stretcher was in fact the one that passed through President Kennedy's neck. It probably ended up in Gov. Connally's clothing and fell out on the stretcher while he was being rushed to surgery."

The bullet found on the stretcher, he said, had lost only two grains of weight — but the slug fragments removed from Connally's body weighed much more than two grains. And there's still a fleck of metal (from the bullet) in his left thigh.

"This fleck probably weighs as much as two grains," Dr. Shaw revealed. He said he told Warren Commission lawyers his belief that three bullets struck JFK and Connally, but they chose to ignore my remarks. "I am very disturbed that despite the evidence



STARTLING FACTS: Dr. Robert Shaw shows Connally on himself where bullet exited Gov. Connally's ribs — says it was the third one fired

BULLET alleged to have hit Gov. Connally is "impossibly 'pristine' for one supposed to have caused so much damage," says Dr. Shaw.

that Gov. Connally was hit by a separate bullet, the Warren Commission and the FBI decided this was not so.

Dr. E. Forrest Chapman, who also examined the bullet that the Warren Commission claimed hit both JFK and Connally, told The ENQUIRER:

"The bullet that hit Connally shattered his fifth rib, exited through his chest and shattered his right wrist bone. A small fragment went into his thigh. Any slug that caused that sort of damage would have been deformed a great deal more.

"But the FBI and Warren Commission would have us believe the bullet finished up in almost perfect condition. That's utter rubbish! ... The Warren Commission knew there was a conspiracy to cover up the truth. They were part of the conspiracy."

Dr. Robert Shaw, quoted in the article above, is professor of thoracic and cardiovascular surgery at the University of Texas, Southwestern Medical School in Dallas. Dr. E. Forrest Chapman, also quoted above, is a recognized expert in forensic medicine and ballistics, and one of only four private doctors to examine the autopsy photographs and X-rays on the JFK assassination. He was recently interviewed by the House Select Committee on Assassinations.

1 in 3 Changed Careers in 5 Years

One in three people changed careers between 1965 and 1970, according to a Labor Dept. report. Among those who changed careers most frequently were gas station workers, 58 percent; bill collectors, 44 percent; computer operators, 40 percent; and broadcast announcers, 38 percent.

Men switched more readily than women, with 36 percent of the men and 26 percent of the women seeking new jobs in the five-year period.

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WATERGATE was a blackmail plot to bring down President Richard Nixon. The CIA set it up and then leaked the story to the Washington Post and other newspapers. The original intent was to control the Presidency. But Nixon fought back viciously and it became necessary to dispose of him altogether.

What developed was a game of double blackmail. On the one side was the CIA and its powerful backers — all of the opinion that Nixon's popularity had gone to his head, making him a dangerous man. On the other side was Richard Nixon and his advisors, frantically gathering "dirt" on the CIA.

What Nixon wanted was documented proof of what he already knew — that the CIA had tried to murder Fidel Castro and that the Cuban dictator, with help from the Russians, had retaliated by killing President John F. Kennedy. He also knew the names of the politicians government officials and CIA agents who masterminded the assassination cover-up.

But Nixon couldn't get his hands on the documents he needed — and he fell. This is what was really going on in Washington during those desperate days from June 17, 1972, the night of the Watergate burglary, until August 9, 1974, when Nixon resigned.

And this is what Nixon hinted at in his recent televised interviews with David Frost when he said: "I gave 'em a sword. And they stuck it in, and they twisted it with relish. And I guess if I'd been in their position, I'da done the same."

In truth, Nixon had tried his best to do the same. But the CIA thwarted him at every move; disobeyed direct orders from its President; and refused to hand over incriminating evidence about its role in the JFK assassination, which Nixon could have used against the intelligence agency.

Not that Nixon was so dedicated to getting the truth before the American people. His only real concern was in preserving his power and saving his skin.

This is the long suspected connection between the assassination of President Kennedy and Watergate. MIDNIGHT/GLOBE's source of information is Frank Sturgis — the only man thus far identified as playing a major part in both national political disasters.

As a high-ranking intelligence officer, Sturgis served in Castro's government, partook in plots against the dictator's life, and spied for the American government. And as a member of the White House plumbers, he was one of the five burglars apprehended breaking into the Democratic National Headquarters in the Watergate



FRANK STURGIS being interviewed by Malcolm Abrams

There is a definite trail from the assassination of President John F. Kennedy to Watergate, and one man knows about it. He is Frank Sturgis, the only person thus far identified as playing a major part in both disasters.

As a member of the White House plumbers unit, he and his cohorts were

apprehended breaking into the Democratic National Headquarters at the Watergate complex. For that crime, Sturgis spent 14 1/2 months in prison.

Prior to this notorious Sturgis was a trusted and valuable source of intelligence information for the CIA.

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alongside Fidel Castro in the Cuban Revolution. Later, he served as Chief of Security for the Cuban Air Force and as czar of Havana's gambling industry.

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for American intelligence. Later, he took part in several attempted assassination plots against Fidel Castro.

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knowledge of a meeting involving Castro and Ruby, at which the assassination of President Kennedy was discussed.

Sturgis claims these facts were well known to both the CIA and to President Nixon

in the summer of 1972. The CIA had the documents to prove it. Nixon had the knowledge, passed on to him by his predecessor, President Lyndon B. Johnson. Until June of 1972, the CIA and the President had

How Kennedy Brothers

Jack Kennedy's tragic death was a political suicide — brought on by his own mistakes as surely as if Kennedy had pulled the assassin's trigger himself, says a provocative new book.

Long before Watergate, JFK and his brother Bobby set up a secret network of political dirty tricksters that made Nixon's "plumbers" look like Santa's elves. And it was the Kennedys' own ruthless plan to eliminate three foreign leaders that eventually cost JFK his life, argues journalist-author Victor Lasky in "It Didn't Start With Watergate," just published by The Dial Press.

Lasky is a noted conservative journalist, author and syndicated weekly columnist. He has published seven books, works out of Washington and lives in... the Watergate complex.

The bizarre truth behind Kennedy's murder has its roots in the 1960 Presidential campaign, when "dirty tricks were an accepted practice in political life and no one paid too much attention," says Lasky.

From the primaries through the final vote tally, it was one

of the dirtiest contests in American political history, he writes. Among other things, the victorious Kennedy machine: bugged Nixon's hotel room before the first TV debate; used reverse psychology by distributing anti-Catholic literature to Catholic voters; and started a convention rumor that Lyndon Johnson — then Jack's chief rival for the nomination — had suffered a heart attack.

After the election, says Lasky, the Kennedys tapped the resources of the federal government to broaden their power. They used the IRS, FBI and CIA in a massive campaign to harass and neutralize their "enemies," who included Nixon, journalists Jim Bishop and Walter Winchell, and Martin Luther King.

But the two brothers made a fatal blunder when they began hatching schemes to eliminate foreign leaders, Lasky believes. After the humiliating Bay of Pigs failure, "angered by Fidel Castro's victory over U.S.-backed troops, the Kennedy brothers vowed to 'get even' with the Cuban dictator. With Jack's approval, Bobby organized a cabinet-level secret project

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called Operation Mongoose which eventually laid the ground-
 work for a plot to assassinate Castro.
 But "the intended target, Castro, was well aware of who
 was out to get him," says Lasky, and the Cuban dictator
 warned "the Kennedy administration that it would find itself in
 danger if it continued," saying "United States leaders should
 think that if they are aiding terrorist plans to eliminate Cuban
 leaders, they themselves will not be safe."
 The Kennedys, meanwhile, were busy elsewhere. With
 their backing, two foreign leaders of supposedly friendly coun-
 tries—Trujillo of the Dominican Republic and Diem of South
 Vietnam—were brutally slain.
 Just three weeks after Diem's murder, and only two
 months after Castro's warning, Kennedy was gunned down in
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piece, the informant put them on the right track — a tracking of which ran from the third-rate Watergate burglary to the Number One man in the White House. "Deep Throat," says Frank Sturgis, was really Robert Bennett, president of a Washington organization called the Mullins Co. A score of independent Watergate investigators have also fingered Bennett as the anonymous source. "Deep Throat," says Sturgis, "that the Mullins Co. was used as a CIA front to pay its undercover agents. Bennett was very well acquainted with certain CIA officials and I suspect that Bennett himself was a CIA agent."

In fact, Bennett appeared before the Senate Watergate Committee and under oath he stated that he did know the Washington Post reporters and had met them secretly to pass on information damaging to the Nixon administration. But if the CIA's sole intent was to blackmail the President in order to control him, why did the plot proceed to the point where Nixon was forced to resign? The answer, says Sturgis, is simple: Nixon fought back. He attempted to retaliate with a blackmail scheme of his own. This involved securing documents to prove that the CIA had planned to assassinate Fidel Castro and that Castro had murdered Kennedy in return. Where were these documents? Unfortunately for Nixon, they were in the files of the CIA. And so the President, Sturgis contends, went about trying to secure these documents. He couldn't march up to the CIA headquarters and request the incriminating folders. Instead, he de-

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"Speaking off-the-record to reporters at his Texas ranch shortly after he took over the presidency, Lyndon Johnson said that his predecessor's death could be considered 'some kind of terrible retribution' for the deaths of both Diem and Trujillo." Was Johnson hinting that Fidel Castro had been terrorized into action by the Diem and Trujillo murders, fearing he was next? Apparently, for Lyndon Johnson later confided to TV newsman Howard K. Smith, "I will tell you something that will rock you. Kennedy was trying to get Castro, but Castro got to him first." Just how close Kennedy came to getting Castro first, history may never reveal. But Victor Lasky offers this food for thought: "A long-secret CIA report observed, 'It is likely that at the very moment President Kennedy was shot, a CIA officer was meeting with a Cuban agent and giving him an assassination device for use against Fidel Castro.'"

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Far Left DAVID FROST and Richard Nixon after taping interview for TV.

Above CONVICTED burglar James McCord Jr.

Left: E. HOWARD HUNT during investigations.

(E. Howard Hunt, White House plumber), look bad, and it is likely to blow the whole Bay of Pigs thing which we would think would be very unfortunate — both for the CIA and for the country at this time, and for American foreign policy. Just tell him (L. Patrick Gray, FBI director) to lay off.

An obvious reference to Nixon's own "blackmail plot," Sturgis thinks it is. And he thinks that the 18 1/2 minutes of missing tape would have been even more to the point.

But if Nixon didn't erase the 18 1/2 minutes of tape, who did?

I believe that Charles Colson, (special White House counsel to Nixon) had knowledge and possible involvement in the erasing of the 18 1/2 minutes of tape and that effect, Sturgis told MIDNIGHT/GLOBE. "I think that I have knowledge of the person who actually did the erasing, but I can't mention his name."

I can only tell you that the erasure was not done at the White House, it was done somewhere else, by electronic means. It was a professional job."

More intriguing still is Sturgis' belief that a second copy of the tape may exist. He knows how the CIA works. He believes that a duplicate tape would have been made and hidden away.

If the missing conversation on the tape would have benefited Nixon, why didn't he recount what was said for the American people?

Nixon probably didn't remember what was said, Sturgis answered. "Remember he made millions of feet of tape over the years. And without the physical evidence — the tape — who would have believed him, if he had remembered?"

Watergate, like the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, was not what it seemed. Frank Sturgis was a

soldier in both of these secret wars. He believes that Richard Nixon lost and President Kennedy lost, and most of all, that the American people lost.

And he believes that the whole truth is still to be told.

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concern is for the CIA. Nixon's persistent efforts continued to antagonize the CIA, until finally the decision was made to destroy him completely. What started as political blackmail was to end in political murder."

Says Sturgis, "They wanted to control Nixon and when they found out they couldn't, they opened the floodgates that led to Watergate and Nixon's resignation."

Sturgis told MIDNIGHT/GLOBE that he has some proof, some documentation that what he is saying is fact. But the best proof, he maintains, was probably on the 18 1/2 minutes of tape recorded in the Oval Office on June 20, 1972, and somehow mysteriously erased.

Most Watergate observers blame Nixon for the "gap" in the recorded conversations. They contend that there were self-incriminating statements made.

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Not so, says Sturgis. He believes the missing conversations "would show that the CIA was trying to destroy the power of the President. That, in effect, the tapes would have helped Nixon, not hurt him."

After all, on June 23, 1972, there is an intriguing portion of the tapes on which Nixon states, "If it gets out that this is all involved, the Cuban thing, it would be a fiasco. It would make the CIA look very bad, it's going to make Hunt,

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\$2.5 Million Voted for JFK-King Panel

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The House yesterday approved a \$2.5 million budget for its assassinations inquiry by an unexpectedly slim margin. The vote was 213 to 192.

Rep. Louis Stokes (D-Ohio), chairman of the House Assassinations Committee, told reporters that the slippage in support was probably due to last weekend's statements by Del. Walter E. Fauntroy (D-D.C.) about a possible investigation of some reporters covering the inquiry.

Fauntroy said in a weekend television interview that he was annoyed by news reports that the committee has come up with nothing new thus far and said he thought it possible that some of the reporters were Central Intelligence Agency employees out to destroy the investigation.

Pressed for an explanation on the House floor yesterday by Rep. Robert E. Bauman (R-Md.), Fauntroy said the Assassinations Committee "has no plans, current or future, to call news

reporters before it for purposes of probing their coverage of the investigation."

But he added that he had "a personal interest in finding out whether certain news reporters have been influenced by reasons other than providing information to the public."

Asked later which stories bothered him, Fauntroy declined to be specific, saying, "There are so many." He indi-

cated that he still hopes to find out whether any reporters writing about the committee were among the three dozen unidentified American journalists the CIA once used and paid as undercover contacts while they were working as foreign correspondents.

Urging that the committee be denied any more money, Bauman maintained that the House was really "voting on the conduct of the committee" since it was reconstituted last month for the remainder of the 95th Congress by a 230-to-181 vote.

Rep. John H. Dent (D-Pa.), who managed the floor debate as chairman of the House Administration Accounts Subcommittee, argued, however, that the House had already decided to go ahead with the inquiry into the deaths of President Kennedy and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and that the only question now was an adequate level of funding.

He pointed out that the \$2,514,400 resolution for 1977 was far below the \$8.5 million the Assassinations Committee proposed last winter on the recommendation of former chief counsel Richard A. Sprague.

Stokes, it was learned, recently met with former Watergate special prosecutor Archibald Cox to sound him out about the job of chief counsel for the committee and get his advice on any other possible candidates. Fauntroy said he doubted that the Harvard professor would take the position, but "he [Cox] said he would think about it and others" who might be considered. Cox could not be reached for comment.