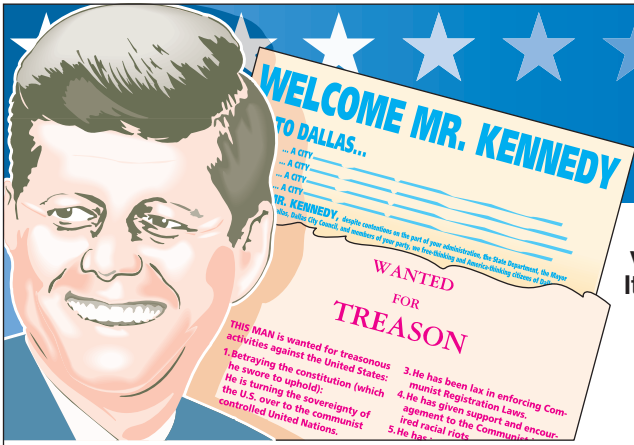


JFK – Death of the American dream



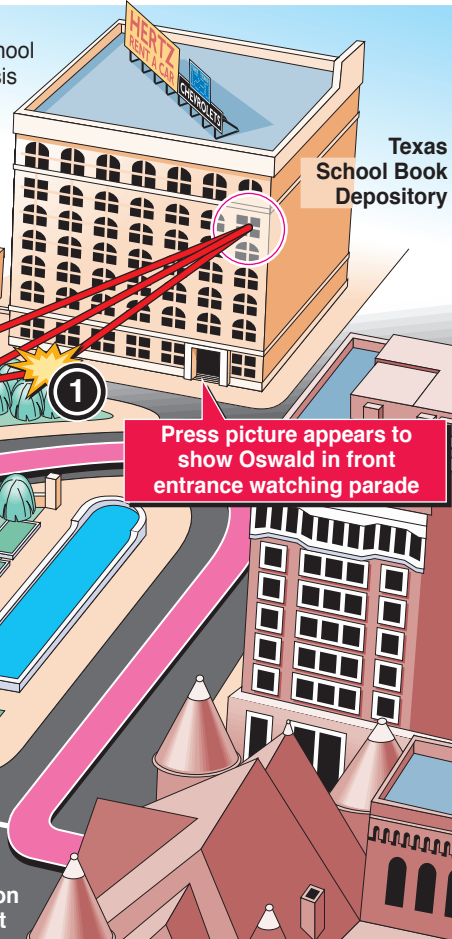
John Fitzgerald Kennedy was deeply unpopular in Dallas and judged that a personal visit to the city might help win him support in his bid for re-election the following year. It was never going to be easy. The city's wealth was based on oil and armaments – and here was a president who was negotiating arms limitation deals with the Soviets, threatening to pull out of Vietnam and withdrawing tax benefits for oil millionaires. On the morning of November 22, 1963, the *Dallas Morning News* printed a full-page advertisement accusing the President of betraying the American constitution. The city, however, was totally unprepared for the events that were to follow



THE ASSASSINATION

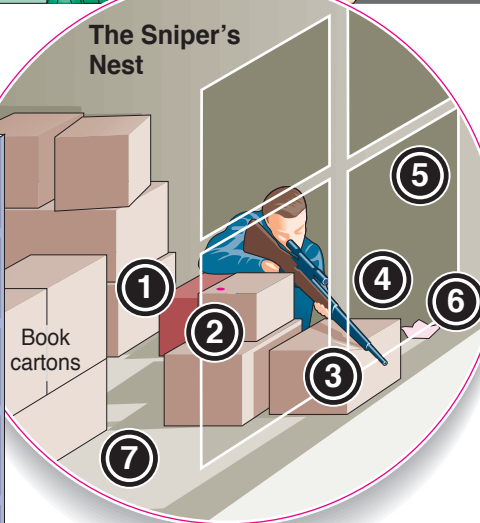
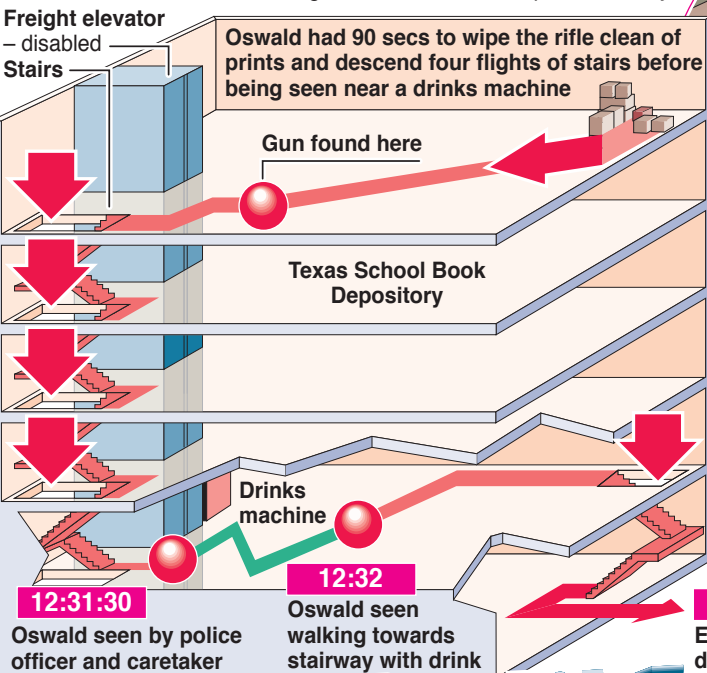
President Kennedy's limousine had just passed the Texas School Book Depository when three shots rang out. Computer analysis of frames from the home movie filmed by Abraham Zapruder confirms that the trajectories of the bullets originated from the upper floors of the Depository

12:30 SHOT 1: Deflected by trees – hits wall of underpass. Kennedy stops waving in frames 160-166 of Zapruder's film. SHOT 2: Frames 223-225 – President and Governor Connally hit 3.5 seconds later. SHOT 3: Frame 313 – fatal shot hits Kennedy's head



THE EVIDENCE AGAINST LEE HARVEY OSWALD

The Warren Commission, established to investigate the assassination, concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald had, alone and unaided, shot and killed the President before being killed himself while in police custody



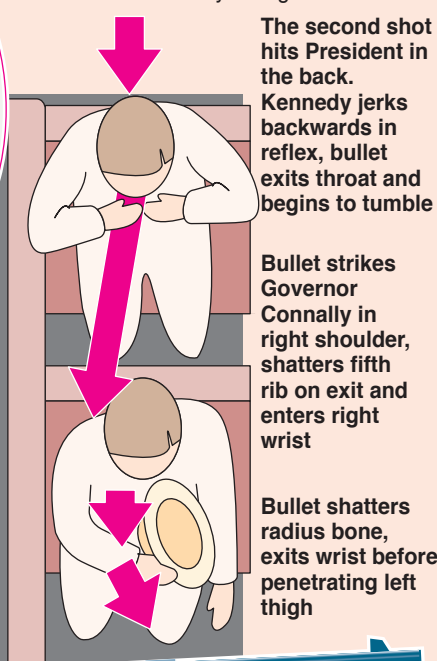
Evidence from the Sniper's nest

1: Right palm print. 2: Right index finger print. 3: Crease in box from rifle stock. 4: Left palm print on corner of box. 5: Partially open window. 6: Left index finger and right palm prints on paper bag. 7: Three cartridges found on floor

12:33 Oswald leaves via unguarded Elm Street front entrance, gives NBC journalist directions to telephone

THE 'MAGIC' BULLET

The theory of the sole assassin accepted by the Warren Commission required an explanation of how so many wounds could have been caused by a single bullet

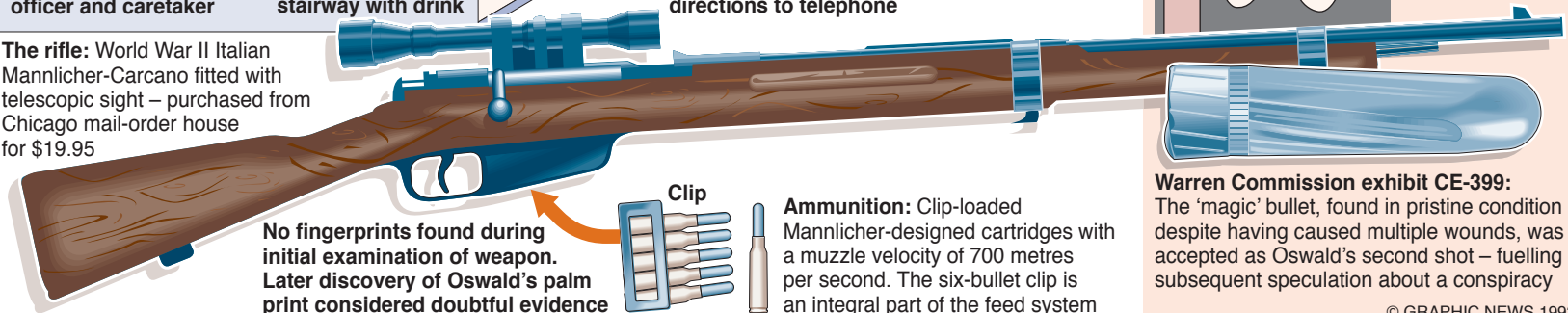


The second shot hits President in the back. Kennedy jerks backwards in reflex, bullet exits throat and begins to tumble

Bullet strikes Governor Connally in right shoulder, shatters fifth rib on exit and enters right wrist

Bullet shatters radius bone, exits wrist before penetrating left thigh

The rifle: World War II Italian Mannlicher-Carcano fitted with telescopic sight – purchased from Chicago mail-order house for \$19.95



No fingerprints found during initial examination of weapon. Later discovery of Oswald's palm print considered doubtful evidence

Ammunition: Clip-loaded Mannlicher-designed cartridges with a muzzle velocity of 700 metres per second. The six-bullet clip is an integral part of the feed system

Warren Commission exhibit CE-399: The 'magic' bullet, found in pristine condition despite having caused multiple wounds, was accepted as Oswald's second shot – fuelling subsequent speculation about a conspiracy