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From Joe Backes, A telephone caller asked Rather what was his next assignment after Dallas. Rather- "My next assignment was to come to Washington and becoming a White House correspondent for CBS News. King- "You went right from Dallas to that job? Rather- "In January, the assassination was on November 22, and I came to Washington in January of 1964. One reason I was brought in Larry, was because we at CBS news started our own independent investigation of the events surrounding the assassination. And frankly, they wanted me closer to New York to do that but also to take over at the White House. King- "And your conclusions; I remember Walter Cronkite did that show; even fired the gun up in that building, right? Rather- "Right. Well, on the best available evidence and the most credible witnesses one must conclude, and I do conclude, I am always open minded about it, that Lee Harvey Oswald was firing, firing to hit, may indeed have been the lone assassin, AND IF HE WAS NOT THE LONE PERSON FIRING THAT DAY WHOMEVER IF ANYBODY ELSE WAS FIRING WAS FIRING FROM THE SIDE OR FROM THE REAR. THAT'S THE BEST YOU CAN DO." (emphasis added). Oh Danny boy, logic will never afflict you, How much longer will we have to, put up with you? Every night we're watching just to see if, somehow too your head to will explode like Kennedy's.

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