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Re: NEWSREEL EDITED

RUGOS LO IVINI---- great JOD OF ANALYSIS! .- JVINCEIVINCENT L. CLANOF WIGLE. / TO JOHN IVICAUATIS. SEE IT IVIALUIT OK S posting this where all the> cybergraffitti goes.>> NEWSREEL EDITED TO SAVE THE SINGLE BULLET THEORY?>> This is the first of a series of messages to Martin Shackelford who has> been most vocal in disparaging the notion of film editing. These> messages concern what I think is the greatest obstacle to believing in the> authenticity of the Z film: the number of credible witnesses who describe> events that do not occur on the film. Martin often claims the witnesses are> wrong, or our interpretations of their words are wrong. But here, Martin> claims an event, alleged by me to be missing, is actually not missing.>>> Martin, you contradict both Connallyï¾€s, the witnesses, and the FBI film> analyst. Your opinion seems to be that ANY left turn found on the Z film> -- even if it is clearly NOT the one described -- disproves the claim that> a particular left turn is now missing from the Z film. You are entitled> to your opinion that all these witnesses are wrong -- including the FBI> film analyst who could study his apparently less-edited version of the film> at his leisure -- but it is misleading to not state up front that your> descriptions (below) give a radically different impression from what the> witnesses actually said. Possibly you thought that was understood, but> even so, you should make it very easy to see the dividing line between what> they said -- and your very different interpretation which reads like it> might be a paraphrase. [Notes and references are at the end.]>> Connallyï¾€s own words: ï¾€We heard a shot. I turned to my left -- I was> sitting in the jumpseat -- I turned to my left to look in the back seat.> The President had slumped. He had said nothing. Almost simultaneously, as> I turned I was hit. ï¾€>> FBI film analyst Shaneyfeltï¾€s own words: ï¾€...as he comes out of the> signboard he is facing slightly to the right, comes around straight on and> then he turns to his left straight on...ï¾€>> Below, I respond to some comments posted earlier by Martin (MS):>> MS: I have no doubt that Connally was turning back to his left when he> was hit; the film shows exactly that happening...>> MLC: Your words are very different from Connallyi¾€s. Connally said he> i¾€turned to my left to look in the back seat.i¾€ You wrote i¾€turning BACK to> his left.ï¾€>> Turning BACK to his left -- from a position in which Connally was turned> around to his right, his posture as he goes behind the Stemmons sign --> would merely bring him back to the front, the way he appears in Z-222 and> several frames thereafter.>> By adding just one word -- and subtracting a few others -youï¾€ve changed> the entire meaning of Connallyï¾€s statement. Looking ï¾€into the back seatï¾€> -- or even TRYING to look into the back seat -- would necessarily put him> in guite a different position than the one heï¾€s in at Z-222 and thereafter.> Nowhere do we see Connally looking over his left shoulder into the back> seat where Kennedy was ï¾€slumped.ï¾€>> MS: Early in the film, Connally turns slightly to the right, then

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