

Biffle chrono - please scroll this and post it when done

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Summarizing Biffle's 2000 article - he repeats his claims from previous years, it's a [1981 rewrite](#):

1. Biffle states he saw a paper bag used to carry the rifle on 6th floor "nearby the ambush window" (also see his [11/20/83 piece, p. 6](#)) - virtually no one else saw the paper bag except for Studebaker the evidence tech who didn't take a photo of it - the Warren Commission shows "dotted lines" where the bag supposedly was!
2. Lied to the FBI ([where he had worked as an informant](#) in 1961) about [how well he knew the Oswalds](#). (see Biffle's [12/16/63 interview](#)), and
3. Lied about the "two roll calls", where Oswald was the only person missing on the second roll call.

The second roll call, "hours later", supposedly happened at 2:30 PM when Oswald was already in custody. ([Posner's book](#)) Another version by Biffle of his story: "[Reporter Recalls the Day Camelot Died in Dallas](#)," Dallas Morning News, April 5, 1981. Contrary stories: Mark Bridger, "[The Myth of the Depository Roll Call](#)," Dealey Plaza Echo, Vol. 11 No. 2, p. 38. 196 Ibid, p. 40. Also, James DiEugenio, *ibid*.

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On Tue, Jan 12, 2021 at 11:30 AM Bill Simpich <bsimpich@gmail.com> wrote:

[Some fascinating quotes here](#) - Biffle wrote this in 2000 - he hid this during Nov. 1963, but on Nov. 28 his article could have been the close-to-final draft of the Warren Report.

Biffle claims he heard a Negro boy (Amos Euins) say he saw a colored man fire the shots. Some minutes later...

*** It didn't take the policemen long to find the cartridges by the ambush window. We all stood around staring at the brown wrapping paper found nearby. It was a reasonable conclusion that it held the rifle.

*** Hours dragged by. The building superintendent showed up with some papers in his hand. I listened as he told detectives about Lee Oswald failing to show up at a roll call.

My impression is there was an earlier roll call but it was inconclusive inasmuch as several employees were missing. This time, however, all were accounted for but Oswald.

*** When the crime lab men had finished and the policemen at the front door allowed the press crowd to enter, I felt I should return to the office.

That name --- Lee Oswald. It was familiar. Lee Oswald. Lee Harvey Oswald. Now it rang here familiar.

Back in 1959 while working at the Fort Worth Press, I'd written several stories about Lee Harvey Oswald, the ex-Marine and turncoat.

On Tue, Jan 12, 2021 at 11:04 AM boylan <depb150@gmail.com> wrote:

The Sixth Floor has Biffle writing for Newsweek covering Garrison's New Orleans investigation. He seems to be in the right place at exactly the right time!

[Kent Biffle | The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza](#)[The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza \(jfk.org\)](#)

Puzzle Palace version of Biffle's remembrances. [JFK: News remembers \(the-puzzle-palace.com\)](#)

Here's a few highlights on the article that is filled with leads and is still a work in progress with other leads still unused.

Note the 11/1/59 Fort Worth article? Kent Biffle introduces this dairy salesman - who certainly knows how to travel all over town - as R. L. Oswald - shortly before Biffle is wiretapped by the CIA in calling Oswald in Moscow.

I'm sure Robert wasn't that keen on having Robert Oswald out there - but he did give the story and he did allow his picture to be out there.

Other people must have noticed the resemblance - our friend John Armstrong rhapsodizes about Harvey and Lee which I don't buy for obvious reasons - but if I was in intelligence I would want to use Robert in some way.

What better Oswald double could there be? Just saying.

Marguerite got paid by Biffle - docs to follow on that. I also have documents showing Robert wanted money for an interview - which I don't think he got that time, but he may have got in the past.

As seen below, Kent Biffle is FBI informant T-23 to SA Joseph Myers in Dallas in 1961, his source was a Mafia guy wanting to get a lottery started in the Dallas area. Robert Barrett was the lead FBI man in Dallas who did a statewide survey on organized crime in March 1963 (document to follow) and gave Dallas pretty much high marks for cleanliness - was Biffle one of his sources?



R. L. Oswald

... 'doesn't make sense'

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In 1959 Biffle was twice picked up on wiretaps, [here](#) Biffle's call was successfully placed to Lee Oswald in the USSR on 11/16/59; and I have another one elsewhere.

The wiretap was NY 1519-S - note that [Anatole Boguslav](#) was running Soviet taps during the same time period and on the same wiretap. Boguslav was Wally Heitman's partner - they interviewed Marina dozens of times in the weeks after 11/22 - I wrote about Wally's fraudulent manipulation of the evidence in *State Secret*.

NY 1519-S was also used on Robert Webster during that same time period ([pages 2 and 5-10](#)).

I wonder if it was the FBI or US Air Force Intelligence - maybe at Carswell AFB in Fort Worth - who got [the then-Fort Worth reporter Biffle to make the call](#) to Oswald on 11/14/59...they were locked in on Webster on 9/14/59-9/29/59, [look at file 65-14825](#). Biffle says it was all Marguerite's idea.

Webster had [his visa extended on 9/14/59](#) for 20 days by **Intourist while in the company of Dr. Sam Kardon, also a representative of Rand Development Corporation**. Webster was supposed to [leave the USSR with Kardon](#). At that time, [Kardon contacted the US Embassy](#) and said he didn't know where Webster was. They kept an eye on [Intourist \(p. 9 of 10\)](#).

Intourist also handled Oswald when he got to or near the USSR in mid-October. This was during the same time James Rand was "[cooperating](#)" with Air Force Intelligence.

[Biffle's name was misspelled in documents as Bissel and Bissle](#), but "not "nonsubstantive...it is not necessary to change the name in the reports forwarded to the Commission." Really?

As stated above, Biffle was an FBI informant in 1961 to SA Joseph Myers in Dallas field office case 162-S. In the Albert Meadows case, Biffle was [confidential informant T-23, he saw a lottery being set up in Fort Worth like one set up in Panama](#).

Biffle provided info on Clint Smith, a hardened criminal who had done several stretches of time at penitentiaries such as Leavenworth and Alcatraz, with at least one robbery with firearms conviction.

On 11/22/63, note that Biffle was in the local press car with three other Dallas Morning News reporters. Biffle got out of the car in Dealey Plaza, ran up knoll, and then got inside the book depository. Editor Lewis Harris insinuates this vehicle unofficially joined motorcade at Love Field (see [page 30 of 53](#))

Did you know [Kent Biffle](#) of the Dallas Morning News - along with Tom Alyea of WFAA TV - were the only two reporters who gained entry to the book depository and documented the finding of the rifle and the hulls on the 6th floor between 1-1:30 on 11/22?

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Twenty years later, Biffle claimed to have seen Roy Truly "drawing attention to an employee named Lee Oswald who hadn't returned after lunch." ([page 1](#)). Elsewhere (trying to find it) - Biffle said the name Oswald didn't ring a bell to him until after he left the building.

One final story where Biffle figures in - and here he blows the story...Although Jerry Hill told the Warren Commission that Valentine's car "*ran into a traffic jam on Elm [Street]*," there is no corroboration for this claim by either Officer Valentine or Jim Ewell.

In fact, Ewell was quoted in Kent Biffle's above-mentioned article *Eye Witnesses to Tragedy* as saying that Valentine "*...drove us at break-neck speed to the book depository*", and made no mention of running into a traffic jam on Elm ([click here to read Biffle's article](#))."

Here's my chrono on Kent Biffle - Biffle had dealings with Marguerite and the Oswald family saga from 59 to 63, and his role on 11/22 is unforgettable.

I think for me to find this story at this late date shows how *this case was simply not investigated properly by anyone during the 1960s. This material was at people's fingertips.*

The hottest lead in all this is the alleged "[Mate of Turncoat is Unknown to Mother](#)", [allegedly dated 11/2/63](#). Even a government reviewer added a question mark next to this date.

It might have been a typo, it might have been 11/22/63 or after - but if not, it is a very big deal.

Kent Biffle has not been forthcoming about the extent of his relations with the Oswald family.

November 1 story: Biffle article in Star-Telegram: "[Fort Worth May Become Russian so he can Write About Experience](#)". The actual article is attached below.

November 15 story: Aline Mosby article, Star-Telegram: "[Fort Worth Defector Confirms Red Beliefs](#)". Mosby was wire service reporter stationed in USSR. Same day, companion article by Les Strother: "My Values Different, Defector Tells Mother." Strother's actual article is attached below.

November 16 story: Kent Biffle, Fort Worth Press: "[Turncoat Hangs Up On Mother](#)". The actual article is attached below.

1/6/60 story in Fort Worth Press: Kent Biffle's "Fort Worth Turncoat in Moscow Tells Mother He's OK". [Reported by Fort Worth Press editor Delbert Willis](#), still looking for this version.

Delbert Willis, City Editor of the Fort Worth News explains the articles written by his paper, and adds that "*Mrs. Oswald was continually calling Kent Biffle during this period and kept him advised of all*

developments concerning her son."

[Willis](#) gave five copies of the three Oswald stories of 11/59, 1/60 and 6/60 to the FBI - still looking for the Jan 60 & June 60 stories.

1/7/60 story in Star-Telegram: The actual article is attached below - although I don't see Biffle's name on it, probably because he was a Fort Worth Press writer and only a stringer with the Star-Telegram.

April 1960: Velma Marlin at the Star-Telegram was fielding Marguerite's phone calls and mail, at a very critical time - because Marguerite wasn't getting all his mail, she did not have representation that might have protected LHO from getting his discharge downgraded - which in turn ties into the role of John Connally and Oswald's discharge. See my book on that subject - [Chapter 3](#) and the [Epilogue](#).

June 10, 1960 story by UPI in Fort Worth Press. On 12/16/63, Biffle stated that he wrote it. "Ex-Fort Worth Marine Quits Russia to Return Home". I asked the Fort Worth library archivist for it, my recollection is that she couldn't find it - but she might have missed it, I put a fair amount on her plate, she enjoyed working on it so that wasn't the problem.

[Before Sept 60, Seth Kantor](#) was also with the Fort Worth Press

8/22/61: Biffle was listed as T-23, an FBI informant - he was [reporting on a long-time criminal](#) trying to start a lottery in Fort Worth.

3/15/63 [Robert Barrett did a major report on Crime Conditions in the Dallas Area](#), covering at least the file Biffle was working in (94-55) if not his actual work, among many others. Barrett says only major racket in Dallas is gambling, due to "[strict, honest and efficient law enforcement](#)". Labor racketeering was nonexistent due to Texas' Right to Work Law???? I think Barrett is a bad actor, for many reasons.

10/26/63 [Curry said he might call in over 100 off-duty officers as a special force](#). With the Secret Service, that would provide 200 security men for JFK. (This is after the attack on Adlai Stevenson).

10/27/63 [Mayor Flays Far Right](#) - Kent Biffle, Dallas Morning News

11/2/63 [Mate of Turncoat is Unknown to Mother](#) - where is it? Fort Worth Press article by Kent Biffle.

11/20/63 [Biffle writes puff piece](#) on soprano Antonietta Stella for Dallas Morning News. Six pages later...

11/20/63 [George H W Bush of Zapata Off-Shore Co. addressing the American Association of Oilwell Drilling Contractors](#) at 6:30 pm!

11/21/63 Security beefed up to 350 Dallas policemen, 1/3 of the force. 100 of them were detectives. [Lumpkin's scout car was to travel a mile ahead of the motorcade, with car-to-car communications](#).

11/22/63 [Biffle is part of a Dallas Morning News automobile that "crashes" the motorcade before JFK is shot. \(see p. 30 of 53 of hyperlink\)](#)

The limousine is Car #4 in the motorcade - Biffle's is Car #18. When shooting occurs, Biffle jumps out of the car at the grassy knoll, looks around, and then enters the TSBD and gets by the police guard at the same time as Tom Alyea, a TV reporter for WFAA who brought in his camera.

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From Bugliosi's Reclaiming History:

Thomas P. Alyea, a camera-reporter for WFAA-TV in Dallas, is stopped (with his partner, Ray John) at the traffic light located at Commerce and Houston streets listening to Dallas police radio as well as the WFAA commercial radio. He hears a voice (Chief Curry) over the police radio instructing officers to go to Parkland Hospital. He has no reason to associate this with President Kennedy, but twenty seconds or so later he hears newsman John Allen over the commercial radio announce that shots had been fired at the president.

Alyea immediately grabs Ray Johns' fully loaded camera and three extra cans of film, gets out of the car, and runs toward the intersection of Houston and Elm, filming the emerging, chaotic scene along the way. He notices several people pointing toward the upper floors of the Depository Building and runs inside along with a number of others who appear to be plainclothes detectives.

Right behind him is Dallas Morning News reporter Kent Biffle. Biffle with his pencil and pad and Alyea with his camera would end up being the only two newsmen in the building during the period after the shooting. While Alyea starts filming, and Biffle recording on his notepad, the police search for the assassin on the various floors of the building. 270

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[See Biffle's article at page 5 of 8 \(and his account at page 6, columns 2-4\)](#) - is it coincidence that Biffle was calling Moscow re LHO on 11/14/59 when he worked with the [Fort Worth Press](#)? He doesn't write about it here!!

11/22/63 - POLICE found letter from [Johnny Tackett of Fort Worth Press](#) requesting an interview during June 1962 among Oswald's few possessions at Beckley.

11/22/63 Reporter Kent Biffle supposedly saw two roll calls and he says that at the second one everyone was there but Oswald. The second roll call supposedly happened at 2:30 PM when Oswald was already in custody. ([Posner's book](#)) Biffle's story: "Reporter Recalls the Day Camelot Died in Dallas," Dallas Morning News, April 5, 1981. Contrary stories: Mark Bridger, "The Myth of the Depository Roll Call," Dealey Plaza Echo, Vol. 11 No. 2, p. 38. 196 Ibid, p. 40. Also, James DiEugenio, *ibid*. A statistical breakdown of the 73 FBI statements reveals that 17 were never in the building after 12:30 PM, 41 had left by 2:30 PM, 3 left between 2:30 PM and 3:00 PM, 4 were only in the TSBDB briefly (after 2:30) and only 8 stated that they left at times after 2:30 PM. Not only is there no mention of any "gathering," but the great majority of those who worked in the building had left by 2:30 PM. Martin Shackelford, "*Case Closed: Lee Harvey Oswald and the Assassination of JFK*," by Gerald Posner: A Preliminary Critique," *The Investigator*, August-September, 1993.

Summarizing Biffle's false statements re 11/22/63: Biffle states he saw a paper bag on 6th floor (see his 11/20/83 article, p. 6), reported on two roll calls of employees (directly above), and lied to FBI about how well he knew the Oswalds. (see Biffle's 12/16/63 interview)

11/26/63 Biffle writes a story about the illusionist Bill DeMar - reports DeMar said he was told by FBI agents to go into hiding - [FBI memo says no such statement was ever made.](#)

11/30/63 Newt Humphreys of the Office of Public Safety (the Texas Rangers) sends a [3 page memo](#)

11/30/63 [Newt Humphreys](#) has only 4 docs in his file, this is a shorter version of the memo above. [Another version has a big question mark](#) next to the November 2 date!

12/4/63 Delbert Willis, City Editor of the Fort Worth News explains the articles written by his paper, and adds that "*Mrs. Oswald was continually calling Kent Biffle during this period and kept him advised of all developments concerning her son.*" Willis says Marguerite was the source of both of Biffle's articles in Nov 1959 and Jan 1960.

12/16/63 Kent Biffle says all I know about Oswald [is in the three articles referred to in this FBI memo](#) Wrote *Turncoat Hangs up on Mother* in on 11/15/59, as well as follow up articles on Jan and June 60. He said Marguerite was mysterious. Now a reporter for Dallas Morning News.

1964 - [Gary Taylor contradicts Alex DeM's testimony](#) that LHO was angry at Connally

3/23/75 - Fort Worth Press interview with Marguerite - she says [she has seen no members of her family since 11/28/63](#).

1975 - Fort Worth Press closed - <https://www.texasmonthly.com/articles/stop-the-press/>

1976 - [Marguerite has not spoken](#) with her sons or Marina or anyone in the family since the events of 11/22

11/20/83 - [Biffle provides his account](#) ([see page 6 of 8](#)) of what he and other reporters did on 11/22.