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Debunk Warren Critics

NEW YORK — If there is a residue of doubt in your mind about the truth of the Warren Report on the assassination of President Kennedy, I'd suggest you scrutinize the report's best-known detractors.

Their book, "The Scavengers and Critics of the Warren Report," published simultaneously in hard and soft cover by Dell, thoroughly debunks the probers who have gained fame and fortune peddling suspicion of the Warren Report. Their assessment of these persons should shatter all the credence their works and lectures have acquired.

One of the critics, George C. Thomson of Glendale, Cal., an engineer by trade, assured the authors of "The Scavengers" that he can "prove" that 22 bullets were fired in the course of the assassination—under the direction of Lyndon B. Johnson!—but that President Kennedy wasn't even there. His place in the presidential limousine had been taken by a stand-in (officer J. D. Tippit). JFK is still alive, Thomson confided to the Messrs. Lewis and Schiller, and made his most recent public appearance at Truman Capote's masked ball.

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Dick Merrill, our pilot, with the help of the FBI and the Secret Service did a better job investigating the matter than Jack. Jack Lane or Jim Garrison.

JACK WHEELER, a giant in our business for a long time, sets me straight on a recent piece about Dick Merrill, the pioneering airline pilot. I had Dick shooting dice on the floor of a DC-3 trying to make a four (preferably the hard way), while the plane groped its way through a storm in search of New York.

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Dick's popularity, among Carter, Smith and the rest, except Wheeler, went to Mr. Carter's suite in the Pierre Hotel to continue the gambling. Merrill made a good recovery.

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