

Man says JFK film inconclusive

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DALLAS — An amateur photographer, who filmed President John Kennedy's fatal motorcade, says he considers his film inconclusive, regardless of publicity which suggests it shows two people in a sixth-floor window of the Texas School Book Depository.

In recent days the forgotten film by former Dallas resident Charles Bronson has been reviewed and publicized as showing two people — one thought to be assassin Lee Harvey Oswald — in the building from which the fatal shots were fired Nov. 22, 1963.

But Tuesday, at a film presentation to the media, Bronson said he is satisfied with the Warren Commission finding that Oswald acted alone. He also said he was unsure the film would provide new information on the slaying.

"I don't know how much good it'll do," he said. The film, accidentally taken with a lens wide enough to include the upper floors of the depository, shows extremely blurred shapes that appear to change or move from one film frame to another.

John L. Sigalos, Bronson's attorney, and Robert J. Groden, a staff consultant for the House Assassinations Committee, viewed the original 8mm film, made 35mm slides of every fifth frame and then enlarged the slides.

Groden said he thought the slides showed activity that indicated the completion of "a sniper's nest."

He said the House committee has a copy of the film and is evaluating it. The existence of the film was revealed when the FBI declassified and released a list of people who had taken photographs just before and during the assassination. A reporter for the Dallas Morning News contacted Bronson, who now lives in Ada, Okla., and after viewing the movie arranged to publish slides taken from the film.

Bronson said he showed the movies to the FBI shortly after the assassination "but they didn't see anything of particular value in the film." Bronson's attorneys said the House committee may decide to have the movie frames "enhanced," using a computer technique employed by Groden on film shoot by Abraham Zapruder. It was the enhancement of the Zapruder film which led to the reopening of the investigation.

Asked when the film would be available for public viewing, Bronson's attorneys said "the matter rests with the committee."

Attorney Harold Levine said there have been several offers to buy the film, but revealed no details.

"There's been no auction or anything like that," he said.



Santa made a special trip this season to help the Texas A&M Forestry Club sell their Virginia Pine Christmas tree. Santa and his helpers will be located behind the forestry building all this week from 2 to 6 p.m. Santa is really George Hersel, a junior from Cincinnati, Ohio. Battalion photo by Beth Breuker

Cab comforts capture sales

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KALAMAZOO, Mich. — If you're seeking the backseat comfort of a Rolls Royce but motoring along on a Chevy budget, you might consider buying your own taxi.

But Checker Motors Co., the one domestic carmaker that blatantly ignores industry style trends, doesn't really need your business.

The company, tucked away since 1923 in an industrial section of Kalamazoo, manufactures about 25 percent of the nation's taxicabs — some 4,500 to 4,600 cars a year.

Fleet sales are its bread and butter and corporately owned taxi firms in Chicago, Minneapolis and Pittsburgh are among its largest customers.

"Private sales amount only to 5 percent of our business," said C.M. Hickok, Checker's sales manager.

The company grossed \$114 million last year to generate earnings of \$2.23 per share.

Though Checker makes no commercial appeal to the motoring public at large, company officials apparently use the product themselves, as the dozen Checker Marathons parked around the plant each day would seem to attest.

The sturdy, no-nonsense car, which features what its "Big Four" counterparts would consider an excess of backseat leg room, has a projected lifespan of 10 to 12 years with preventive maintenance, company spokesman Ray Cunningham said.

"I would say more professional people buy Checkers," Cunningham said. "Retired people like it because it has a lot of room and is easy to get in and out of."

Illinois' 6-foot-4 governor, James R. "Big Jim" Thompson, opted for a Checker limousine last year instead of a Cadillac or Lincoln, more popular with other government officials.

While the major auto manufacturers have been making their cars sleeker, smaller and lighter to meet government mileage standards, Checker Marathons' basic boxlike design — reminiscent of the early 1950s — has remained standard for the past 20 years.

"We haven't changed anything

major since 1958," Cunningham said.

"We can't afford to risk millions of dollars on some speculative design three or four years down the road like the big companies can," said John J. Love, vice president of sales.

"We're experimenting with the use of other metals, including lightweight steel and aluminum in an effort to develop alternatives to a new body," he said.

Checker, which employs 1,000 persons, produces its own chassis and bodies, but the steering comes from General Motors and the brakes and electrical system from Delco.

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