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Sullivan, I believe it would be historically and evidentially important, even vital, for the ARRB to interview  
former Dallas patrolman Marrion Baker. In terms of assassination records alone, I believe the Board should  
interview Baker (1) to determine the accuracy of his Warren Commission (WC) testimony (which he  
contradicted in a sworn statement to the FBI), (2) to attempt to learn what was said during the numerous  
times when WC counsel went "off record" with Baker during his testimony, and (3) to obtain information  
from him in response to questions that should have been asked of him by the WC. From a broader perspective,  
interviewing Baker could provide crucial additional evidence that Oswald was not on the sixth floor of the  
Texas School Book Depository Building during the assassination. I have attached a detailed article on this  
subject, which I hope you will pass on to the appropriate staff members, but allow me to briefly explain some  
of the issues involved with Baker's WC testimony: Baker swore that he spotted some unspecified "movement"  
when, from about 20 feet away, he glanced through the small window of the second floor foyer door as he  
reached the second floor landing after coming up the stairs. Baker said he then went over to the door and saw  
Oswald in the lunchroom, which suggested Oswald had just come through the foyer door--and hence  
that Oswald had just come down the stairs (presumably, according to the WC, from the sixth floor). Baker  
added that when he first glanced at the door it MIGHT have been moving, but that it was almost closed in any  
case. However, there have always been significant problems with Baker's story. The WC acknowledged that  
Baker must have seen the unspecified "movement" just a second or two before Oswald went through the  
foyer door (or else no part of Oswald's body would have been visible through the foyer door's window). Yet,  
Roy Truly, the building manager, was running several feet AHEAD of Baker, and Truly did not see Oswald, nor  
did Truly appear to have seen the door moving. Furthermore, in Baker's final sworn statement, which he  
dictated to an FBI agent, he initially swore that when he saw Oswald, Oswald was STANDING next to the soda  
machine in the lunchroom WITH A COKE IN HIS HAND. WC defenders have always denied that Oswald bought  
the Coke before Baker saw him because if Oswald had already bought the Coke then it is virtually certain that  
he could not have been on the sixth floor during the shooting. Even leaving aside the issue of the Coke, WC  
defenders have had a very difficult time explaining how Truly could have failed to see Oswald approaching or  
going through the foyer door if Oswald had just come down the stairs and if the "movement" Baker claimed he  
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