

Dr. James E. Barger Testimony

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IDENTIFICATION OF WITNESS:

Dr. Barger was one of the acoustics experts who testified before the Committee. At the time of the HSCA investigation, he was chief scientist and director of the Physical Science Division of the firm of Bolt, Beranek & Newman. (See Vol. II, page 17 for his extensive educational and professional background.)

SUMMARY:

On his second day of testimony, Dr. Barger responded to questions from the Committee members that were intended to clarify certain aspects of his presentation of acoustics evidence during his first day of testimony. In general, Dr. Barger did not present any new findings, but rather explained in greater detail various pieces of evidence that were already on record. The only significant new testimony related to the "third shot" originating from the grassy knoll. After considering Drs. Weiss & Achensky's findings, Dr. Barger concurred with them that there was a 95% probability that this third shot did exist, drastically changing his original 50% probability.

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