

Researchers urge new look at JFK evidence

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COLLEGE STATION, Texas -- A former FBI scientist and two Texas A&M University researchers say authorities should re-examine the bullets that killed President John F. Kennedy in 1963.

"Given the significance and impact of the JFK assassination, it is scientifically desirable for the evidentiary fragments to be re-analyzed," former FBI lab metallurgist William A. Tobin and researchers Cliff Spiegelman and William D. James wrote in the *Annals of Applied Statistics*, *The Washington Post* reported Thursday.

The researchers' work questioned the government's conclusion that Lee Harvey Oswald was the lone gunman in the Kennedy killing, although it did not conclude that other gunmen were involved, the Post reported.

The "evidence used to rule out a second assassin is fundamentally flawed," the researchers' article said.

Tobin was the FBI's leading metallurgist for more than 20 years and his work led the agency to change its procedure for analyzing the lead content of bullet fragments.

Using the new standards, the researchers said a new analysis could find that the bullet fragments from the Kennedy assassination came from more bullets than previously believed, the Post reported.

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