

THE MANY DISTURBING CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING RADIO SHACK

1. Of the three known employees present at the time of the alleged Shay Jr. purchase only one is able to positively identify Shay Jr. as being the customer. Mr. Nightingale originally tells the police that the man making the purchase was "middle eastern looking" and of short stature. Subsequent to this description Mr. Nightingale agrees that it was indeed Shay. Mr. Kingsbury does not recall the individual at all.

2. Of the six items on the receipt only one, the toggle switch, is traced to the bomb. The determination by the ATF that the toggle switch found in the bomb debris field is the same type as the one purchased on the 18th of Oct, is arrived at not by recovered serial numbers or manufacturer's coding but by the government's claim that the contacts recovered and the thread impressions on the plywood are distinctly Radio Shack. My claim is that even the one item that the government claims is unquestionable, is in fact quite questionable.

3. In the governments opening statement they assert that Tom Jr., in an effort to deceive the Clerk gave an altered version of his name i.e. from Shay to Sahy. According to Mr Armbrister the man in question only gave the first letter s and it was Armbrister who put the shy in just to have something register.

4. Mr. Armbrister does claim that the man in question gave the last four digits of his phone number without hesitation, 3780. There are 43 Boston area phone numbers that end in 3780.

5. The government waits until mid trial to theorize that the lamp holder and lamps were also incorporated into the bomb, that the 7.5 volt lamps shown on the receipt were used to test the 45. volt firing circuit. They fail to consider that such a combination of voltage to filament would immediately result in a blown lamp. The test would be meaningless and perhaps life-threatening were this to be implemented. During cross examination the governments signature expert Thomas Wascom was asked weather or not a lamp of said voltage would immediately blow out. His response was that it would eventually blow out but that it would certainly a while.

6. Mr. Wascom describes the builder of the '86 devise as a "scrounger", the kind of person that uses what happens to be handy or readily available. The whole purpose of determining comparison is to identify similarities in the methods and idiosyncrasies that bomb builders are likely to

repeat. Mr. Trenkler had any number of toggle switches in his possession from which to scrounge in addition he had testing equipment that would have made the test light theory unnecessary. Scroungers don't overdo things by habit. If some devise calls for ten volts then ten volts is what a scrounger provides, Why squander materials? Mr. Wascom states that less than 5 volts is required to detonated the blasting caps. Would a scrounger go to the extra trouble and expense of supplying the devise with 45 volts when 5 volts is more than enough to do the job, I think not!

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