

"Not so open and shut"

Letter to the Editor

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Sir-

You endorsed the idea of a lone assassin in President Kennedy's assassination, pointing to Gerald Posner's book "Case Closed" as evidence ("JFK, 50 years on", November 23rd). Yet when "Case Closed" was published in 1993 you doubted its reasoning, concluding that it "does little more than smugly slant every piece of disputed evidence in favour of the lone-assassin theory-an approach exactly opposite to that of conspiracy writers, who follow every inference in the evidence to their own illogical conclusions" ("The Death of a President", October 9th 1993). You said at the time that "Case Closed" "no more closes the case than the many volumes inspired by conspiracy theories over the past 30 years."

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