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PRESIDENT'S COMMISSION  
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

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Mr. Howard Willens telephonically advised today that the Commission would appreciate arrangements being made for Special Agents James W. Seibert and Francis X. O'Neill, Jr., to be available in the offices of the President's Commission at 10:00 a. m. March 12, 1964.

Mr. Willens advised that these two Agents had been at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland, on Friday evening, Nov. 22, 1963, when the President's body had been taken to the hospital for a complete autopsy. These Agents remained at the hospital and eventually received whatever fragments of bullets which were removed from the President's body and brought them to the Laboratory for examination.

Mr. Willens requested that when the Agents arrive at the Commission they ask for Mr. Specter of the Commission staff.

ACTION TAKEN:

ASAC Fred Hall of the Baltimore Office was advised of the request of the President's Commission and he stated Agents Seibert and O'Neill would be at the Commission as requested. Mr. Willens has been advised that these Agents will be available in accordance with his request. The Baltimore Agents are being instructed to stop in Mr. Rosen's office to discuss their appearance before the President's Commission prior to the interview with Mr. Specter.

- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
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SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN F. KENNEDY, 11/22/63  
AT DALLAS, TEXAS

Special Agent James W. Sibert and Francis X. O'Neill, Jr., both of the Baltimore Office assigned to the Hyattsville Resident Agency, appeared at the President's Commission today and were interviewed by the Commission Staff Member Arlen Specter. Specter complimented the Bureau on the investigation which had been made, indicated he was preparing for a detailed Commission hearing relative to the medical reports covering the autopsy of President Kennedy at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Bethesda, Maryland, and that he desired to better inform himself of the exact conditions which existed concerning the Agents being present during the autopsy.

Briefly stated, the questioning followed in detail the information set out in the FD-302 Interview Forms prepared by the Agents. A detailed memorandum is attached setting forth the questions and answers that took place as best recalled by the Agents, it being noted they were not able to take detailed notes during the interview.

Enclosure (1)

- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Bartlett

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Question: What was the time of the preparation for the autopsy at the hospital?

Answer: Approximately 7:17 p. m.

Question: What time did the autopsy begin?

Answer: Approximately 8:15 p. m.

Question: What time did the autopsy end?

Answer: We do not recall.

Question: Could it have been between 12:00 midnight and 1:00a. m. ?

Answer: Yes.

Question: What time did Lieutenant Colonel Finck arrive? (Finck is an Army medical doctor assigned to the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology.)

Answer: We do not recall, however, it was after the autopsy was in progress.

Question: What time did Agent Sibert call Agent Killian at the FBI Laboratory?

Answer: Some time between 11:00 p. m. , and 12:00 midnight. ||

Question: Did you call Agent Killian prior to or after the wound was discovered - in the President's back?

Answer: After this wound was discovered. ||

*4 HRS To discover such wound?*

Question: Did you observe probing done by medical examiners using the finger - in the back wound and by whom was the probing done?

Answer: Yes, probing done by Commander Hume.

Question: What was the reaction of the examiners upon being notified that a bullet had been found on a stretcher used at Dallas?

Answer: Commander Hume stated that this accounted for no bullet being located which had entered the back region and that it was entirely possible that the bullet had worked its way back out of the point of entry while cardiac massage was being performed at the Dallas hospital.

Question: Prior to SA Sibert's calling the FBI Laboratory did either Dr. Hume or Dr. Finck express an opinion as to whether the bullet wound in the back was a point of entry or a point of exit? *U*

Answer: We can recall no such discussion. *U check again O'Neil's Head Report*

Question: What was the size of the autopsy room?

Answer: We cannot state the dimensions of this room.

Question: Was it wider than this room?

Answer: It would appear to be.

Question: How close were you to the autopsy?

Answer: As close as necessary to observe the proceedings.

Question: I note that you delivered two pieces of metal to the FBI Laboratory removed from the President's body and that the chief pathologist advised that approximately forty particles and smudges were evident from X-rays.

Question: Were any additional particles removed?

Answer: Not to our knowledge. Only the two were removed in our presence by Dr. Hume and later placed in a small jar.

Question: Were you present at all times during the autopsy?

Answer: At all times one or both Agents were present in the autopsy room.

Question: Did you make any notes during the course of the evening?

Answer: Yes.

Question: Do you still have them?

Answer: No.

Question: What happened to them?

Answer: After dictating and comparing the dictation with the notes, they were destroyed.

Question: I note that you spoke to Secret Service Agents Kellerman and Greer on the night of the autopsy, 11/22/63, and again on 11/27/63. Is this correct?

Answer: Yes, however, conversations with these Agents on the night of the autopsy were not formal interviews but remarks voluntarily made by these individuals and were subsequently recorded by us from recollection. The interviews conducted on 11/27/63 were formal interviews conducted at the Secret Service offices located in the White House.

Question: I notice that on 11/22/63, Mr. Kellerman stated that the President said, "Get me to a hospital." Is anything which is in quotation marks the exact words that Mr. Kellerman used on that night?

Answer: Yes.

Question: I also note that on 11/22/63, Agent Greer of the Secret Service is quoted as stating that he "floored" the limousine following the police escort to the hospital. Was "floored" his exact wording?

Answer: Yes.

Question: Did Greer and Kellerman appear to retain their composure on 11/22/63?

Answer: Yes.

Question: How long have you gentlemen been with the FBI?

Answer: Sibert almost 13 years and O'Neill approximately 10 years. U

Question: I note that on the interview with Agent Kellerman conducted on 11/27/63, no mention is made of his remark that the President was overheard to say, "Get me to a hospital." Is it because he did not say so on the 27th?

Answer: Yes, however, it will be noted that Mr. Kellerman advised on 11/27/63 that he had had a chance since 11/22/63 to think and try to reconstruct the entire activities of that day and the statements which he furnished on 11/27/63 in a formal interview were his best recollection of the exact wording used.