

couldn't say. It looked -- if it was a bullet hole, it appeared to be a bullet exit hole, but I couldn't say what caused it.

Q And did you observe the tie?

A Yes, sir.

Q And was there a nick on the tie?

A Yes, sir, there was.

Q Did you reach any conclusion as to whether or not a bullet was responsible for that nick in the tie?

A No, sir, I did not.

Q Did you --

A It could have, but I couldn't say just from looking at the nick, what caused it.

Q The nick.

I'd like you to look at the photograph taken by the FBI Laboratory, which is a photograph of the President's shirt collar.

A (Witness examines document.)

Q Can you, by -- simply by looking at that photograph, determine whether or not the holes in that shirt collar overlap?

A I wouldn't know whether you could or not from looking at the photograph. This shirt was examined by another Examiner for that purpose.

Q Did you button the shirt yourself, to see whether or

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not the holes overlapped?

A I don't recall whether I did or not.

Q If they do not overlap, it can not have been caused by a bullethole, could it?

A That's an opinion.

Q Could both holes --

A You're asking for an opinion --

Q Yes.

A -- in a scientific matter, and you're prepared to pay expert witness fees, I'll answer -- any questions you like, but unless you do, I'm only going to testify as to what I know.

Q Did you in your official capacity as an Agent of the FBI, before the Warren Commission, do that?

A Do what?

Q Button the shirt and make a determination --

A I don't recall. I don't believe that I did. I had it examined by another Examiner for that purpose.

Q Did you make any -- you had another Examiner do that?

A Yes, sir.

Q Who was that?

A I think it was Special Agent Paul Stombaugh.

Q Did that Agent make a report?

A Yes, he did.

Q Mr. Stombaugh?

A I think it was Paul Stombaugh. I -- maybe another Examiner got involved, but I think it was Stombaugh.

Q Do you know whether or not this report has been provided us?

A I have no idea. I assume that it has, although as far as I know -- I can't recall all the reports that have been provided, what was asked for or what was furnished.

Q Do you recall what the report concluded?

A No, I don't.

Q Was that report, or the substance of it, provided to the Warren Commission?

A I think it was. I think he testified before the Warren Commission at some length.

Q Did you make any effort to determine whether or not the tie had been struck by a bullet -- the President's tie? The nick?

A As I said, I couldn't tell one way or the other.

Q If the bullet had passed through the center of the President's collar, could it possibly avoid going through the tie?