

or even the stretcher of son ally un-
 related patient. Remember, many people
 had access to the hospital that day; even
 Jack Ruby was there, according to two
 reliable witnesses, including Scripps-
 Howard newsman Seth Kantor, who tes-
 tified that he talked to Ruby there. The
 Commission, of course, disregarded his
 testimony.

PLAYBOY: Do you think Ruby—or some-
 one else—planted this bullet on the
 stretcher to incriminate Oswald?

LANE: That certainly is a possibility
 that should be examined, since it would
 account for a lot of baffling things about
 Exhibit 399—including the pristine con-
 dition of the bullet after supposedly
 smashing the bodies and bones of two
 men.

PLAYBOY: Couldn't there be a more in-
 nocent explanation for the contradic-
 tions surrounding this bullet than that
 it was deliberately planted as part of a
 conspiracy to frame Oswald?

LANE: Perhaps. But none seems appar-
 ent. The more I've studied the whole
 question of Exhibit 399, the more fan-
 tastic it becomes. For example, two
 declassified FBI autopsy reports, dated
 December 9, 1963, and January 13, 1964,
 were recently discovered in the National
 Archives in Washington. They state flatly
 that the bullet in question entered Presi-
 dent Kennedy's back—not his neck,
 mind you, as the Commission claims—
 and did not continue through his body.
 The FBI agents who attended the autop-
 sy reported that Commander Humes
 said then—whatever he may have since
 claimed to the contrary—that there was
 "no point of exit"; that the bullet pen-
 etrated the President's back a very short
 distance. The two FBI agents, James
 W. Sibert and Francis X. O'Neill, who
 were present during the autopsy at
 Bethesda Naval Hospital, said that Dr.
 Humes probed the back wound with his
 finger and determined that the bullet
 had traveled "a short distance, inasmuch
 as the end of the opening could be felt
 with the finger." Since no bullet was in
 the President's back and "there was no
 point of exit," the agents said Humes was
 puzzled as to the whereabouts of the
 bullet. After being informed that a bullet
 was "found on a stretcher" at Parkland
 Hospital—presumably the President's
 stretcher—and that the President had
 been subjected to external cardiac mas-
 sage there, "Dr. Humes stated that the
 pattern was clear that the one bullet had
 entered the President's back and had
 worked its way out of the body during
 external cardiac massage." This expla-
 nation appears to be corroborated by
 Colonel Finck, another physician present
 at the autopsy, who was quoted by Secret
 Service agent Roy Kellerman, also pres-
 ent during the autopsy, as having said,
 "There are no lanes for an outlet of this
 entry in this man's shoulder." Perhaps
 this explains why Commander Humes

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