

PARKLAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

PATHOLOGY LABORATORY

Murder Folder B + B  
Full

Autopsy Number: N53-352

Unit No.:

Name: Tippit, J. D.

Age: 39 Race: White Sex: Male

Admitted: 11-22-63 DOA

Expired:

Autopsy date: 11-22-63, 3:15 P.M.

Service:

Autopsy by: Earl F. Rose, M. D.

Coroner: Judge Joe B. Brown, Jr.

Restrictions: None

**EXTERNAL EXAMINATION:**

External examination reveals a well developed white male measuring 5 feet, 11 inches in length and weighing an estimated 175 to 180 pounds. The hair is black, slightly wavy, very slight frontal balding. The irides are blue, the pupils are equal at 5 mm. Rigor is not present. Very slight posterior mottled lividity and body heat is present. Oral hygiene is good. The neck is not remarkable. Hair distribution is normal, the penis is circumcised. Identification bands on the left wrist, right wrist and left ankle.

There are four entrance types of wounds. No. 1 is  $4 \frac{3}{4}$  inches from the top of the head and  $3 \frac{3}{4}$  inches to the right of the midline. This measures  $\frac{3}{8} \times \frac{1}{4}$  inch and is surrounded by a contusion ring. No powder tattooing is noted at the margins.

Wound No. 2 is 17 inches from the top of the head on the right chest. It is 4 inches to the right of the midline, above and slightly medial to the right nipple. It measures  $\frac{3}{8} \times \frac{1}{4}$  of an inch, surrounded by bruising. There is also a contusion ring.

Wound No. 3 is 21 inches from the top of the head, along the anterior lateral side of the right chest and is 6 inches to the right of the midline. This measures  $\frac{5}{16} \times \frac{1}{4}$  of an inch and is surrounded by a contusion ring.

Wound No. 4 on the left chest is  $20 \frac{1}{2}$  inches from the top of the head,  $1 \frac{1}{2}$  inches to the left of the midline. The wound measures  $\frac{3}{4} \times \frac{3}{8}$  of an inch, is transverse and surrounding this is a  $\frac{1}{4} \times \frac{3}{4}$  inch abrasion.

There is tanning of the arms. On the left arm there is a tattoo being "Tippit". On the dorsum of the left hand there is a crusted abraded area measuring  $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$  inch and a fresh abraded area on the dorsum of the right hand which measures  $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$  inch. The nails are quite well cared for although slightly dirty. Scar above the left knee, runs in an oblique fashion, crosses to the medial aspect of the knee, terminates on the leg measuring 7 inches. Poorly defined  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch inoculation type of scar on the left deltoid region.

$16 \frac{1}{2}$  inches from the top of the head,  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch to the right of the midline of the back in the subcutaneous tissue a missile is recovered from this region. This is associated with the Wound No. 3.

**INCISIONS:** The standard "Y" thoracoabdominal and intermastoid incisions are utilized. Examination of the wound of the right temple is made. It is found to enter in the right middle cranial fossa, pursues a course which is slightly upward, backward and