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To:

Mr. C. J. Price, Administrator

Parkland Memorial Hospital

From:

M. T. Jenkins, M.D., Professor and Chairman

Department of Anesthesiology

Subject:

Statement concerning resuscitative efforts for

Lee Harvey Oswald

At approximately 1127, November 24, 1963, Doctor Ronald Jones, senior resident in general surgery, after being notified through the office of the Administrator of Parkland Memorial Hospital, informed a surgical and anesthesiology team that Lee Harvey Oswald had sustained a gunshot wound and was being brought to the emergency operating room at Parkland Memorial Hospital for emergency and definitive treatment. By the time that the patient Oswald was registered into the emergency operating room, 1132, there was assembled a resuscitation team in E.O.R. Surgical Room No. 2. Among the members of the resuscitation team were the following: Doctors M. T. Jenkins and Gene Akin, with an anesthesia machine and full resuscitative equipment for the maintenance of ventilation; Doctors Gerry Gustafson, Dale Coln, and Charles Crenshaw, who were prepared to introduce cannulae into the veins via cutdowns or percutaneous puncture; Doctor Ronald Jones, with chest drainage equipment; Doctor William R. Osborne, for necessary orthopedic services; and Doctor William Risk, for evaluation of possible urological damage. Dr. Malcolm Perry was present to direct the surgical approach. There were many other medical personnel present in addition to these, but the physicians named figured importantly in the initial resuscitative experience.

As the patient Oswald was brought into Emergency Operating Room No. 2, Doctor Akin introduced a Davol #36 cuffed endotracheal tube and connected it to an anesthesia machine for assisted ventilation or controlled respiration with oxygen. It was obvious that the patient was in extremis as judged by his general pallor, the cold extremities, the dusky or ashen gray color of his nailbeds, his gasping respiration, and his dilated pupils and dry conjunctiva. There was a small, oval, traumatized area in approximately his left anterior axillary line at the sixth intercostal space, and a foreign object, thought to be a bullet, could be palpated in his right posterior axillary line at about thoracic dermatome ten.

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No time was expended in making these observations and evaluation of the patient's status, for at the time the endotracheal tube was being inserted, three members of the house staff were performing venous cutdowns, one in each lower extremity and one in the left forearm. These were performed by Doctors Coln, Crenshaw, and Gustafson. Because of the obvious chest wound and an appearance of pneumothorax on the left, Doctor Ronald Jones inserted: a chest tube and connected it to a closed water-seal drainage bottle. The head of the emergency room cart was lowered into a Trendelenburg position. There was no perceptible arterial pulsation. However, the cardioscope tracing showed electrical cardiac activity with a heart rate of approximately 150 per minute. Blood was sent to the Blood Bank for immediate typing and crossmatching, and two units of uncrossmatched Type O, Rh negative blood were started by pressure infusion.

It was obvious that this patient had sustained such an injury that he was continuing to lose blood internally very rapidly. Doctors Shires and McClelland collaborated in the decision to move the patient immediately to the Main Operating Suite, operating room No. 2, for emergency laparotomy, since the suspected path of the bullet would seem to traverse the left lower lobe of his lung, the left leaf of the diaphragm, the aorta or inferior vena cava, and perhaps the right kidney or part of the liver. (Doctor Risk had inserted a Foley catheter into the urinary bladder, obtaining only a scant quantity of urine which was not blood tinged.)

With the anesthesia machine still connected to the patient, he was transported to the elevator and into operating room No. 2, which had already been prepared for emergency surgery. The abdominal incision was made at 1144, twelve minutes from the time the patient was first admitted to the Emergency Operating Room.

The operating team consisted of Doctors Tom Shires, Robert McClelland, Malcolm Perry, and Ronald Jones. The anesthesia team consisted of Doctors Gene Akin, M. T. Jenkins, and Harlan Pollock. Suture nurses were Miss Pat Schrader and Mrs. Jeanine Lunsford. Circulating nurses included Miss Audrey Bell, Miss Linda Burkett, and Mrs. Eileen Simpson. Details of the operation will be found in the report submitted by Doctor Tom Shires. A description of the patient's condition and the parasurgical considerations will be included in the remainder of this report.

By the time of the beginning of surgery, type-correct blood (A-1, Rh negative) was available and was administered under pressure through the three venous cutdowns. Doctor Curtis Spier cannulated a vein in the right forearm to aid in fluid replacement.

Under the influence of blood administration and pulmonary ventilation with 100% oxygen, the patient's pulse rate slowed from 150 to 80 per minute, and by 1200 he had a discernible peripheral blood pressure, recorded at about 60 systolic, and by 1210 his blood pressure was 90/60 and his pulse rate remained regular at 80 per minute.

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By 1215 he had received 3,000 ml. of blood and 800 ml. of 5% dextrose in lactated Ringer's solution. Estimated and measured blood loss at this time was 4,000 ml.

By 1230 he had received 6,000 ml. of blood and 1 gm. of calcium gluconate intravenously. His measured blood loss at this time was 5,000 ml., and it was also obvious that an additional quantity was sequestered in his bowel lumen and bowel wall.

At this time the surgical and anesthesia teams consulted about the patient's fluid status and decided that he needed a quantity of balanced salt solution; therefore, in two of the cutdown veins, 5% dextrose in lactated Ringer's solution was begun. (Despite this rapid blood and fluid replacement, the patient's pulmonary status seemed satisfactory, in that there was no perceptible change in compliance, as judged by the resistance to ventilation by compressing the reservoir breathing bag.)

At 1237, Dr. Akin, who was monitoring the heart sounds with a chest stethoscope, reported that the cardiac tones were becoming weaker and the pulse rate was slowing from the previous rate of 80, to 60, to 40, to 30, and then became imperceptible. (These changes in rate were verified by a change in electrical activity as shown on the cardioscope.) Palpation of the heart through the disphragm from the abdominal operating site was performed by Dr. Tom Shires, who reported that he could not feel cardiac activity and he noted that the aorta had now ceased to pulsate. Doctor Perry opened the left chest with an incision at approximately the left fourth intercostal space, extending from the sternum laterally to the left anterior axillary line. Under direct vision it was verified that rhythmic cardiac activity had ceased, the heart was dilated, and ventricular fibrillation was present. Manual cardiac systole (cardiac massage) was begun by Doctor Perry while the internal defibrillation apparatus was readied. Three attempts at ventricular defibrillation were made, with Doctor McClelland applying the defibrillation paddles to the heart, utilizing successively voltages of 250, 500, and 750 without successfully effecting defibrillation. Between the applications of the defibrillation paddles, manual cardiac systole was continued alternately by Doctors Perry and McClelland. 10 ml. of 10% calcium chloride were injected into the chamber of the left ventricle at 1245. The heart, which had been flaccid but fibrillating prior to this injection, showed an increase in muscular tone and was not as dilated, although ventricular fibrillation continued.

At 1250,1 mg. of epinephrine hydrochloride in 10 mg. of 1% lidocaine was injected into the left ventricular chamber, reducing the heart in over-all size, perhaps, but ventricular fibrillation continued.

At 1255, the internal pacemaker, provided by Doctor Found Bashour, was attached to the heart, but the electrical stimulus provided by this pacemaker was not effective in producing visible cardiac systole. At 1300, two other attempts at internal defibrillation were made, utilizing successively voltages of 750 and

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1000. The second defibrillating current produced asystole, but the internal pacemaker still did not stimulate effective cardiac activity.

Manual cardiac systole was re-started, causing palpable carotid pulse, but the patient's obvious external appearance was that circulation was ineffective as judged by the development of an ashen gray cyanosis. With an ophthalmoscope, Dr. Jenkins had periodically checked the retina for circulation during the resuscitative processes, and the retina could be visualized until 1305, when it was apparent that the lens had become opaque, and retinal circulation was not observed. The patient was pronounced dead at 1307. (The bullet which was palpable in the right posterior axillary line was removed and sent out by Doctor Robert Shaw and Miss Audrey Bell to be turned over to the law authorities.)

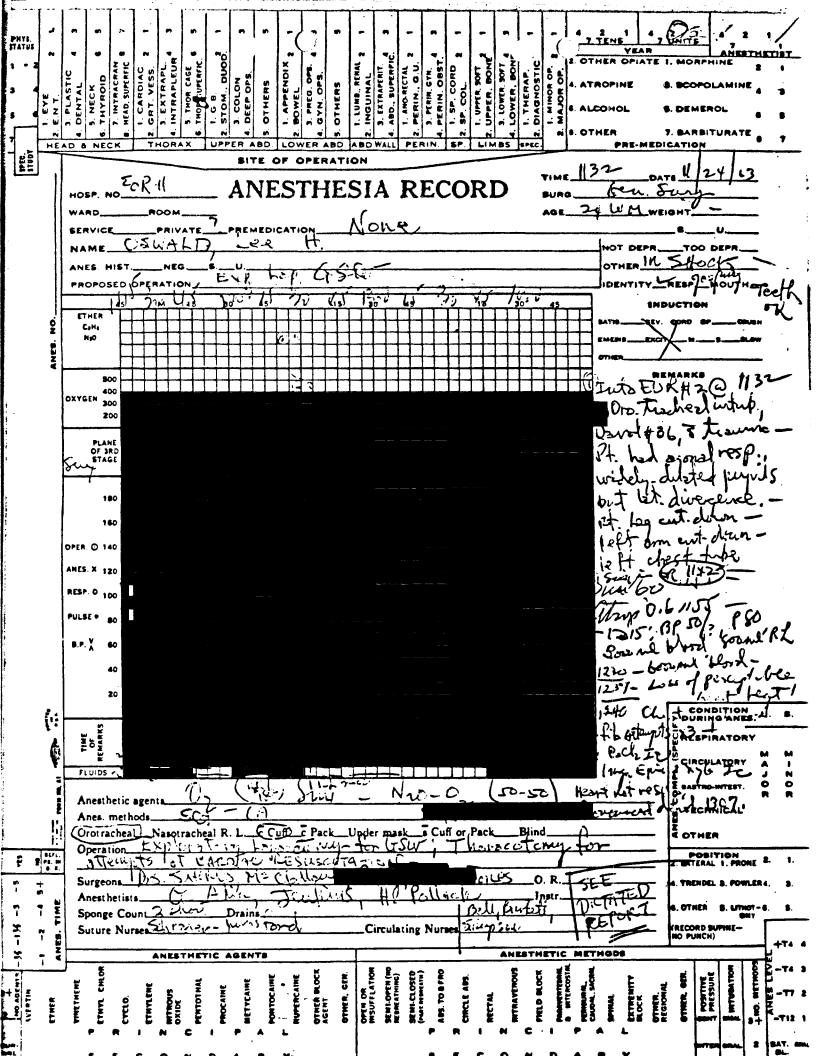
As a summary of fluid replacement, this patient received 15-1/2 units of blood and 4,200 ml. of 5% dextrose in lactated Ringer's solution.

It is my personal feeling that all methods of resuscitation were instituted expeditiously and efficiently. Having observed this patient from the time he was wheeled into the Emergency Operating Room, I feel that he sustained a period of cerebral hypoxia or anoxia for the period of time lapsing between the gunshot wound which he received and the time that effective ventilation with oxygen was started in the Emergency Operating Room. Considering the cerebral changes which would begin at the time of initial anoxia, notably cerebral edema, I feel that many vital centers, including the cardiovascular center, were irreparably damaged, despite all resuscitative measures, introducing the final cardiac asystole. The trauma which patient Oswald had sustained was too great for resuscitation.

There were many other physicians and surgeons available in the operating suite for services as needed. Doctors James H. Duke and Eugene P. Frenkel, with assistance from the Blood Bank, kept a running account of blood and fluid replacement. Doctor Fred Johnson assisted Dr. Bashour with the setting up of the artificial pacemaker. Doctors Harry Spence and Paul Peters were available to participate in the operation, if necessary, for damage to the kidney or ureter. Doctors James Shiu, William M. Osborne, R. Don Patman, William Risk, Dale Coln, and Charles Crenshaw continued with pumping blood and fluids as indicated. Doctors Robert Shaw and J. P. Boland were present to assist in the operating team, if necessary, for the chest and lung injury.

Sincerely,

M. T. Jenkins, M.D.



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