

# OFFICIALS SILENT ON KENNEDY SHOTS

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Autopsy Said to Show Both  
Hit Him From the Rear

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 14—Officials declined all comment today on reports of what pathologists found in an autopsy of President Kennedy's body.

The reports gave detailed support to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's finding that two bullets had hit Mr. Kennedy from the rear. The F.B.I. came to this conclusion in its report on the assassination.

The pathologists were said to have found that a first bullet hit the President in the back. The bullet lodged in the body. It assertedly did not hit any vital organs.

The second shot, it was said, hit the right rear of Mr. Kennedy's head and caused fatal injury.

A fragment of this bullet, according to the reports, passed out the front of the throat. This presumably would account for various reports suggesting—on the basis of the hurried observations of doctors in Dallas after the shooting there on Nov. 22—that there was an "entry wound" in the front of the throat.

It was pointed out that during the short time the President was at Parkland Hospital in Dallas he was on his back as efforts were made to revive him, and no examination was made of his back that would have revealed a wound there.

The talk of a front "entry wound" had caused wide speculation about a second assassin's firing at Mr. Kennedy from in front of his car. The man who was accused of the killing, Lee H. Oswald, was said to have shot from a window above and behind the car.

The F.B.I., in its report to the special commission investigating the assassination, stated flatly that both bullets had come from the window where Oswald assertedly was. But the report did not mention the autopsy.

Pathologists performed the autopsy after Mr. Kennedy was brought to Bethesda Naval Hospital in Bethesda, Md., the night of the assassination. Their report is now in the hands of the Secret Service and will be included in a general report by the Treasury Department to the commission of inquiry. The Secret Service is part of the Treasury Department.