

# Officials Silent on Bullets That Killed Kennedy

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Officials declined all comment today on a description of what pathologists were said to have found in an autopsy on President Kennedy's body.

The account, printed in The Washington Post, 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 of the right shoulder five to seven inches below the collar line. The bullet lodged in the body.

According to The Post account, it caused a hematoma or a pooling of blood inside the neck and shoulder muscles.

The second shot, it was said, hit the right rear of Mr. Kennedy's head and caused such destruction as to be "completely incompatible with life."

A fragment of this bullet, according to the report, 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 shoulder wound.

The talk of a front "entry wound" had caused wide speculation about a second assassin's

firing at Mr. Kennedy from the 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.