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Finds Autopsy Photos Show
2 Shots Killed President

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 16—The only outsiders to view top-secret autopsy photographs have confirmed the Warren Commission findings that President Kennedy was killed by two bullets fired from above and behind him, the Justice Department disclosed tonight.

Attorney General Ramsey Clark, with the approval of the Kennedy family, released the report of a four-man panel of doctors he had appointed to study the photographs, X-rays and clothing sealed in the United States Archives in 1966. It contains the first full inventory and examination of the autopsy material from the body of the President.

Because of the path of the two bullets, the Warren Commission concluded in a much-disputed decision that the President was killed by one man, Lee Harvey Oswald, Nov. 22, 1963, in Dallas.

Mr. Clark released the report to Judge Charles Halleck in reply to the judge's order for the director of the National Archives to appear in General Sessions Court tomorrow. Judge Halleck ordered the director, Dr. James B. Rhoads, to explain why he should not cooperate with an investigation by Jim Garrison, New Orleans district attorney, of an alleged conspiracy in the assassination of President Kennedy.

Mr. Garrison has contended that the autopsy material would prove that President Kennedy had been shot by more than one man and that the fatal head wounds had resulted from shots fired from in front of the President.

So far as is known, no one other than the naval doctors who performed the autopsy and the naval medical personnel at Bethesda Hospital who took the photographs, along with some members of the Warren Commission, had ever examined this material.

At the request of Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, the President's widow, the material had been ordered sealed in the

Archives at least until 1971.

The report was issued by the Attorney General along with a statement from Burke Marshall, Assistant Attorney General in the Kennedy Administration who has acted for the Kennedy family since October of 1966 on all matters concerning autopsy material.

The physicians said in their report:

"Examination of the clothing and of the photographs and X-rays taken at autopsy revealed that President Kennedy

was struck by two bullets fired from above and behind him, one of which traversed the base of the neck on the right side without striking bone and the other of which entered the skull from behind and exploded its right side."

'Autopsy Confirmed'

Mr. Marshall said, "I concluded that the report simply confirmed the autopsy report and saw no reason to concern members of the Kennedy family and did not do so."

Mr. Marshall visited Mr. Clark early today. In his statement, he said he saw no reason to object to the release of the report.

"I have since informed Mrs. Onassis and Senator Edward Kennedy of this matter and they have both asked me to say that they will have no comment to make on the report or its release," Mr. Marshall said.

The Justice Department asked the District of Columbia Court to refuse to compel Dr. Rhoads to attend the conspiracy trial of Clay Shaw, a New Orleans businessman whom Mr. Garrison has accused of having masterminded an assassination plot.

The department said that the examination of the secret material was made last Feb. 26 and 27, and that the 16-page medical report was written in last April.

The four doctors named by Mr. Clark to make the investigation were William H. Carnes, professor of pathology at the University of Utah; Russell S. Fisher, professor for forensic pathology at the University of Maryland and chief medical examiner of Maryland; Russell H. Morgan, professor of radiology at Johns Hopkins University, and Alan R. Moritz, professor of pathology at Case Western Reserve University.

Their report disclosed for the first time that X-rays had not been made of the entire body of the President, as stated in the official autopsy report.

"The panel's inventory disclosed X-ray films of the entire body except for the lower arms, wrists and hands and the lower

legs, ankles and feet," the report said.

The physicians said that an examination of four photographs of the back of the President's head had shown that the contours "have been grossly distorted by extensive fragmentation of the underlying calvarium"—the bone that supports the lower jaw.

The panel said that its findings "indicate that the back of the head was struck by a single bullet traveling at high velocity, the major portion of which passed through the right cerebral hemisphere, and which produced an explosive type of fragmentation of the skull and laceration of the scalp."

The panel said that its joint examination supported the following conclusions:

"The decedent was wounded by two bullets, both of which entered his body from behind.

"One bullet struck the body of the decedent's head well above the external occipital protuberance. Based upon the observation that he was leaning forward, with his head

turned obliquely to the left when this bullet struck, the photographs and X-rays indicate that it came from a site above and slightly to his right.

"This bullet fragmented after entering the cranium, one major piece of it passing forward and laterally to produce an explosive fracture of the right side of skull as it emerged from the head."

The panel said that "the absence of metallic fragments in the left cerebral hemisphere or below the level of the frontal fossa on the right, together with the absence of any hole in the skull to the left of the midline or its base and the absence of any penetrating injury of the left hemisphere, elimi-

ates the possibility of a projectile having passed through the head in any direction other than from back to front."

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 16 (AP)—District Attorney Garrison's chief assistant said tonight that the release of a report on the autopsy "doesn't satisfy us." The assistant, James Alcock, said that the district attorney's office would still press for the release of the full autopsy report, including photographs and X-rays, at a court hearing in Washington tomorrow.

Meanwhile, Mr. Garrison subpoenaed three Federal agents to testify at the trial of Clay Shaw.

Mr. Garrison's office has sub-

poenaed 21 persons for the trial, which begins Tuesday. Shaw, a retired New Orleans businessman, is charged with conspiring to assassinate the President.

The three subpoenaed by Mr. Garrison included Roy Kellerman of Bethesda, Md., a Secret Service agent who was riding in the car with President Kennedy when Mr. Kennedy was killed.

Mr. Garrison also subpoenaed Lyndal L. Shaneyfelt of Alexandria, Va., a photography expert for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Robert A. Frazier, Hillcrest Heights, Md., an F.B.I. firearms expert.

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