

# JFK Autopsy Review Said Source of Discrepancies

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WASHINGTON (AP) — A pathologist testified today that the 1968 panel review of the autopsy of President John F. Kennedy has caused discrepancies and problems.

Dr. Cyril H. Wecht of Pittsburgh said he believed a study of the autopsy photographs and X-rays would help him make firmer conclusions about some of the discrepancies and might indicate whether Kennedy was struck other than from behind.

DR. WECHT testified in behalf of the attempt by New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison to get 45 photographs and 24 X-rays of the Kennedy autopsy to use in the trial of Clay Shaw, charged with con-

spiring to murder Kennedy.

The documents now are in the National Archives.

Judge Charles W. Halleck of the Court of General Sessions expressed concern about "possibly undignified or possibly sensational reproductions" of the documents if they are released.

**HALLECK MENTIONED** several times the possibility that Wecht could examine the documents here.

"The court would be most pleased to see some adequate solution to the problem that would please all parties concerned," Halleck said.

No agreement about a solution had been reached when the court recessed for lunch.

IN HIS LIST of discrepancies between the original 1963 autopsy and the review made last year Wecht mentioned a difference in measuring the spot of Kennedy's wound, and said also that the panel review mentioned missile fragments in the neck, a fact which he said the autopsy did not include. He said also that the panel review mentioned a small piece of gray-brown matter in the center of Ken-

ned's head which had never been mentioned before.

Answering questions from Halleck, Wecht said, "I can't say with any reasonable medical certainty" that the bullet that hit Kennedy's head came from the front rather than the back.

But, he said, from looking at film of the assassination he has reason to believe a bullet came from the front because of the way Kennedy's body moved to the left and backwards at the moment of impact. *end*