

HISTORY/PS #315

Re: Autopsy notes

Query: is it curious that the JFK autopsy took place at the Bethesda Naval Hospital?

Was it equipped to handle the most important autopsy of the century?

Were the prosecutors, the doctors, skilled in forensic medicine.

How long did the autopsy take: It should have taken 8 to 10 hours. It was over in 2 hours. It was brought to an end after a bullet (the "Magic Bullet" or CE #399 was found at Parkland Memorial Hospital.

Why not Walter Reed, better equipped hospital. What was so special about Bethesda?

Is it curious or suspicious in any way that the autopsy was a completely controlled military autopsy? (Recalling JFK's soured relationship with the JCS, the military establishment, etc.) Should this have raised any concern among the media or the general population????

Any body raise this in your journal?



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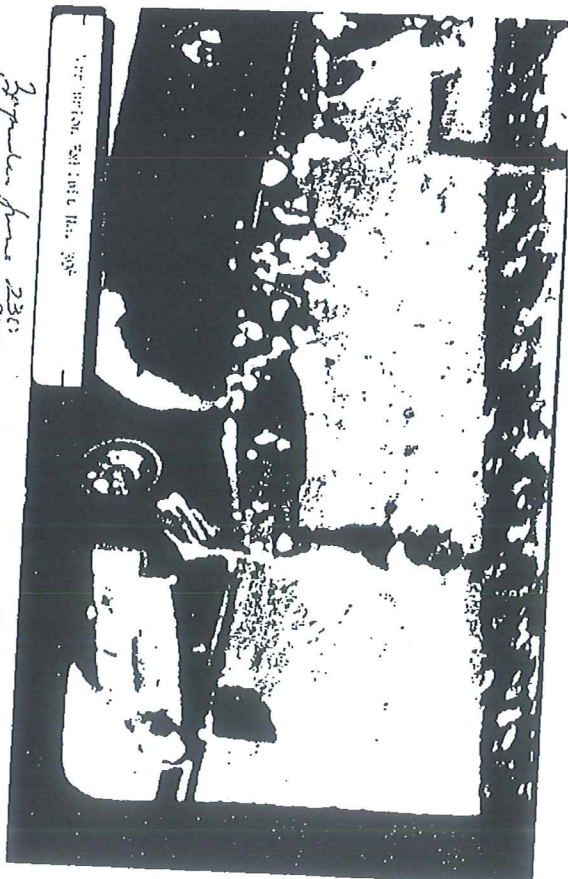
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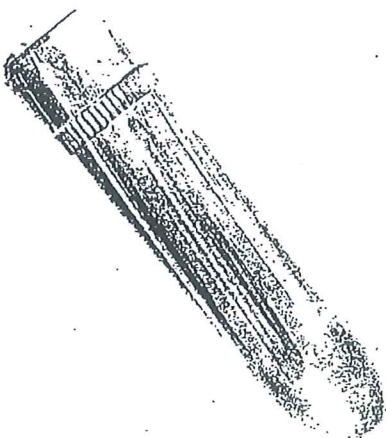
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