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Re: Handout/Status of Some of the Evidence in the JFK Autopsy

The following were sort of picked at random:

1. CE # 399 (Magic Bullet) --There is no record of the weight of the samples that FBI agent Robert Frazier took from the tip and cratered out of the base of this bullet for testing.  
(The importance of this we'll see when we do the session on the some case studies of the evidence in the JFK case next period).
2. JFK's brain stored in the Nat'al Archives is missing. No explanation has ever been offered. It just got lost! Right out of the movie "Indiana Jones" and the Ark of the Covenant.
3. Dr. Humes testified he destroyed by burning the first autopsy protocol (read his first autopsy report) and no questions were raised by the Wc or by Admiral George Berkely, JFK's personal doctor.
4. The Tippitt autopsy is not printed in the 26 volumes of the WC exhibits.
5. The JFK death certificate is not printed in the 26 volumes.
6. The patching of the curbstone where Jim Tague was standing and bleed in vain.
7. Agent Robert Frazier testified that he wiped clear C.E # 399 without first testing for any tissue or body fluids.
8. The missing autopsy notes made by the prosectors at Bethesda after they testified they turned them over to the Secret Service. They are no longer found in the so-called JFK 4-1 file. Materials missing from C.E. 397 are (1) JFK's official death certificate (2)the so-identified "missle" that FBI agents Siebert and O'Neill received and turned over to the Secret Service.
9. JFK's head wound that the Justice Department's secret panel located 4 inches higher on the President's head than appears on Dr. Boswell's body chart found in the WC Report. Also this panel's disclosure that X-rays determined that there were 5 fragments found in JFK's neck. The autopsy doctors found no fragments in Kennedy's neck.
10. The failure of the prosectors to dissect the organs of JFK's neck.
11. The failure of the prosectors to probe JFK's back wound.
12. The failure of the prosectors to examine Kennedy's clothes during the autopsy. If Finck's memo to Gen. Blimberg is correct they were prevented from looking at Kennedy's clothes.

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13. The failure of the FBI to collect Gov. Connally's clothes before Nelly Connally had them cleaned.

14. Boswell places the non-fatal back wound at the base of JFK's neck in the body chart. Boswell's explanation was that "the diagram was . . . not intended to be exact."

15. The FBI never asked for the autopsy pictures or the X-rays before writing CD 1.

16. The WC had the JFK autopsy pictures and X-rays (see Ex. Sess. January 21, 1964) but never told the staff, especially Arlen Specter.

17. Admiral Berkly never called as a witness before the WC. It was Berkley who received Hunes' autopsy notes from Admiral Galloway. These notes are missing.

18. The wound in Connally's thigh was made by a fragment (that remained there until his death) and not by C.E. # 399. None of the Parkland drs. were asked about the nature of this wound by Specter.