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Blaming the Kennedys

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1. Sibert to SAC, Baltimore 10/13/1966 *** Key here. . .Exonerates the Kennedys about suppression of JFK autopsy report
2. Rosen to Belmont 12/17/'63 62-109060-Not recorded (section 28) When Rankin asked the FBI for JFK medical reports from Parkland Hosp and Bethesda (autopsy). . . Rankin learns that the FBI did not have the autopsy report because “. . .the President’s family had indicated a desire that the report be kept secret.” This despite the SS readiness to offer the Report to the FBI. . . .The autopsy report was not in CD-1. . . The truth is that the Kennedys did not insist that the autopsy report be kept secret. . .
3. Rosen to Belmont 12/18/'63 62-109060-unrec (section 30) Request again for FBI’s reports on the JFK autopsy . . .Actually for the Bethesda autopsy report on JFK. Rankin gets same response that Kennedys wanted to keep the report secret. . . Rankin indicated he would get a copy from the SS. (Recall the SS offered the FBI a copy of the Report but the FBI rejected same.
4. From Hal’s PM p. 235 Where Finck at New Orleans Trial cites Admiral Kenney (or Kinney), Surgeon General of the Navy,. . . .where we were specifically told not to discuss the case,” to which he added, “without coordination with the Attorney General.”
5. Note I have some of this in BOT pp. 170-171 and 175
6. My notes from Palamara’s “Survivor’s Guilt” . . .I have a copy of this in this collection Under JFK Dallas Trip. . . . He cites blame laid on Kennedys for no SS on the Limo; bike jockies reduced to 2 and to position themselves to the rear of the limo. . (need to locate and document).
 - 6A. Rosen to Belmont 12/12/'63 62-109060-1970 Rosen cites Bouck & concern for the damage to the SS image (imagine that) for losing a president. Bouck, according to Rosen, in his despair he blamed Kennedy for choosing “politics over security” in the Dallas trip. He accused JFK of rejecting the Bubble-Top in Texas, and was also quite explicit in refusing to

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permit the Secret Service men to stand on the back of the Presidential car.”
Bouck went on .according to Rosen, to say “the President insisted that
none of the Secret Service men be even near the car during the
motorcade.”

7. Brennan to Sullivan, 12/2/'63, 62-109060-NR (sect. 17)Long account of SS
bitching about presidents and JFK, in point of fact, who presented problems
by playing fast and loose with security precautions. . . P. 3Brennen is
quoting that presidents as rule place politics over protection, etc. . . It goes
on from there. . .P. 2 charged the JFK ordered the Bubble Top removed
from limo in Dallas. . . (it had stopped raining. . .P. 3 Kennedy “had
indicated some time ago that he did not desire this” . . .Did not want SS men
riding on the back of the limo . . .It sounds like these assertions came from
Rowley . .

Note to Myself --- I may have more on this matter in BOT. Give a check.