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6H 3/24/1964 - By SPECTER

Credentia: A general Surgeon

Baxter's
Credentia
of
Gunshot
Wounds

p. 43 Baxter notes that Parkland Emergency
Hosp. treats about 500 gunshot wounds
every year. - For the past 6 years

Baxter - on LFK Head wound (p. 42)

Baxter on Neck wound - Either exit or
entrance. (p. 42)

Stands in all
the
Emergency
Room
w/ Drs in
Parkland

SPECTER: Goes into Hypotheticals. - A Bullet
wound on Back - location "Above the
Upper border of the Scapula" - (An shot
an entrance at the lower neck)

Baxter - Agrees with these conditions that
neck wound would be one of
exit - But unusual -

SPECTER: asks why unusual or "unlikely"

Baxter: "because the damage that the bullet
would create would be - ~~first~~ its speed
would create a shock wave ~~which~~ which
would damage a large number of tissues
as in its path, it would strike... tissues
of greater density than this particular
muscle and would then begin

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to tumble and would create larger jagged —
more jagged would be the damage that it
created; so that ordinarily there would have
been a rather large wound of exit ^{til} p. 42

Baxter is saying if this Case # 379 entered
JFK's posterior neck it would have made
a ragged and larger exit wound.

p. 43 - Baxter speaks to tissue damage. This damage
or echynoid does not show up until several
days later

p. 43 - Speaker's hypothetical to establish the
neck wound as a wound of exit —
includes the case or circumstances
that the missile did "not violate
the pleura space and entered as a point
in the midline of the neck." (p. 44)

Note - Check on Exact conditions of
Speaker's hypotheticals to get
OK to Bend to proposition that
neck wound could be one of exit

That must
check on p.
42 of
Baxter
interview