

believe that this was a device for hiding records to make them unavailable. None of the records were Kennedy property. To my knowledge they have been in the National Archives.

94. Among these are important original records the Warren Commission did not have and others of which it had only copies that differ significantly from the originals. All of this relates to records sought in this instant cause and the need for them to have been made.

95. Despite Navy regulations to the contrary, the Secret Service obtained from the Navy all original copies of the autopsy protocol that remained. These were made after the first autopsy report was burned in the fireplace of the recreation room of Dr. James J. Humes, the Navy pathologist in charge.

96. My investigation of this incineration of evidence establishes that it followed reporting that Lee Harvey Oswald had been killed. This means when it was known there would be no cross-examination of the pathologists in any trial. The holograph of the autopsy protocol that replaced the burned one, the typed original copy and all carbon copies of it, are included in what the Navy surrendered. The Secret Service transferred this to the Archives and the Warren Commission never had it. (Attached as Exhibit 6 is the holograph. These copies are made from a xerox I had made prior to using the original xerox for facsimile reproduction in POST MORTEM.)

97. Also included but not listed in the Memorandum of Transfer is the official certificate of death by the Presidential physician, his handwritten version and the typed copy. (Attached as Exhibit 7) The Warren Commission never had or in any way used the certificate of death. This is particularly relevant to what is sought in this instant cause, in part because it supports the FBI's version of the location of the rear, nonfatal wound the President suffered. It disputes the Commission's mislocating of this wound which was made possible by the avoidance of all this evidence. The Warren Commission placed this wound in the neck. The death certificate places it "in the posterior back at about the level of the third thoracic vertebra." This locates it about six inches down on the back at a point that coincides with the bullet holes in the President's jacket and shirt. This also makes it impossible for the same bullet to have wounded Governor Connally, again consistent with the earlier FBI and Secret Service accounts of the crime and again bearing on possible motive for withholding records.

98. These once-hidden original records contain the written approval of the President's own physician of substantive changes in the unburned holograph of the autopsy protocol.

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