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Chapter 30 Autopsy File

@Search for RFK's authorization on autopsy. The file heading is "Authorization for Post-Mortem Examination." Contains no restrictions by RFK on the autopsy.

Discusses the JFK-41 File and the gutting of the autopsy evidence in other autopsy files.

Hal notes what is in the autopsy file. He calls it trivial. Especially missing are the drs. Autopsy notes. I may want to review these at Archives and note what is in each of the files to attest to their incompleteness.

Chapter 31 Suppressed Memos

@Some Willens memos beginning with his questions on Chapter Four of the Report. Willens to Rankin 8/8/'64 re: LHO's lousy skills w/ rifle also item 14 in memo in which he makes the point about the LHO palm print discovered on the rifle in a place where it could not have been made during the assassination. *Check this out in my own files.* Print was found under the stock only when the rifle was disassembled. (361 ms).

Willens on the absence of LHO's finger prints on the cartons making up the so-called "sniper's nest." Willens writes "The basic question is when he was at the window and when we come near to the question we back away from it. Furthermore, we never do make an effort to refute the many other possibilities for these fingerprints which are consistent with Oswald's innocence."

Item 18 re: Brennan as "key witness." See p. 361 ms.

Item 24 on the paper bag as the means of transporting the rifle into the building. Ibid.

@Notes a Redlich memo to Rankin on 4/27/'64 in which Redlich openly admits that the first shot had to come before frame 210 in order for the Governor to be struck by a separate shot because it would take 2.3 seconds to recycle the rifle. Hal calls this the mid-wife to the s-b theory.

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@Hal continues w/ above Redlich memo on pp. 364/5 In the above memo Redlich ends with that FBI and SS reports contain facts that “are totally incorrect. . . .”

@Specter memos that illustrate that the WC knew of the Tague bullet before July '64. In one dated 4/30/64 headed “Autopsy Photos and X-Rays of JFK” he recommends that Tague be deposed to show where bullet hit the curbstone And that Specter was only recommending that Tague be questioned and this in April when the WC was ready to wrap up its Report by June. This was 5 months after the assassination.

@ Specter's memo to Rankin on March 31, '64 he has series of questions to ask witnesses.

@ Jackie Kennedy's testimony to WC (5H190) when shwe was asked about her husband's wounds “Reference to wounds deleted]”

@ Hal on Connally's clothes as evidence. Pp. 367ff Review for use. Hal has some fun with the speed and interest of the WC and Fbi once it was learned that Connally's clothes had been dry cleaned by Nellie. Fix dates on this. Also Nellie Connally wrote about this for Life Magazine. Must have been in 1964. Do a search on this.

Chapter 32 Specter and Best Evidence

Source is a lengthy Specter to Rankin memo for 2/19/'64 titled “Comprehensive Memorandum of Phase I”

2 on p. 86 of Report he describes the non-fatal wound as ‘a bullet hole below the shoulder and two inches to the right of the middle line of the spinal column.’ This info. He is getting from the Siebert & O'Neill reports.

@ Notes Tomlinson's testimony (6H128ff) where the engineer is paraphrased by Specter as saying that the elevator w/ JFK's stretcher or Connally's that elevator was secure by the SS and only available for hospital personnel and officers. . . . So if CE # 399 was planted only the above could have done it.

@ He cites Specter letter of 4/30/'64 reflecting Specter's worries

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@Hal mentions an 4/16 memo on "remaining Work in Area X" on p. 375 ms. His concluding para. Makes clear that the Kennedys did not place any ban on the use of X-rays or autopsy pixs. When Kelley spoke to RFK the pres's brother did not categorically decline to make them available, but only wanted to be satisfied that they were really necessary. Blows away that old excuse of Kennedy family hold on the best evidence. *I need to look for these Specter memos at Archives,*

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Chapter 33 Ramsey Clark's Secrets

Chapter 34 Ramsey Clark Panel (I made no notes on either of these chapters.)

Chapter 35 Getting Into Court

Note: In first part of this chapter on the Garrison NO case Hal introduces Shaneyfeldt and Frazier as witnesses. I have the Finck/Oser interrogation but not these. Ask Hal about Frazier's testimony about the rifle, the shooting, and his admission about the bolt action forcing the shotter to take his eye off the target or lose it when bolt was pulled back. All this is good stuff. Frazier admitted that no FBI test ever tried to duplicate the conditions in Dallas, etc.

Then Hal takes on Finck's testimony. This is excellent reporting and analysis. I can use this.

Chapter 36 Memo From the Memory Hole

This chpt. Deals with Burkley

@Note Hal on p. 430 speaks of his book "Top Secret" . . .

@ Notes that two most popular books on the assassination were Manchester and Bishop. Both were trash, exemplary of the era of commissioned and simplified and mystification of our history.

@Notes that Burkely's report (9-page document) was retyped and edited. It is not the original copy. This was done by someone not familiar with the

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WH or personnel because "Air Force One" appears as "Air Force 1."

@ Notes that B was never interviewed by either the WC, SS, or the FBI. There is nothing in the B file to contradict this conclusion. Also B's account of the emergency room and JFK's wounds are useless. . . . Note that B report was written 5 days after Dallas. By this time Oswald was considered the lone assassin .

I should look at the Key Persons file in WC documents on Admiral Burkley.

P. 438 Hal lists the various authorizations or power granted to the WC.

Why the bareness of this best evidence in the case of B. It was not his responsibility. And docs. I have demonstrate that he was upset with his exclusion.

Chapter 37 More Files Made Available

@Notes in fn his CA suit 2301-70 for spectrographic evidence. Hal says he won this suit. Does he have the spectro stuff?

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@p. 442 Hal points to glaring inconsistencies between the Report's assertions and the testimony of its own witnesses. Eg, the Drs who refused to subscribe to the s-b explanation but the Report contends that they all did agree w/ the theory.

The rest is chapter and verse of what is missing from the JFK autopsy files. Not the least of these was the JFK Death Certificate.

Chapter 38 Searching Through the Autopsy Files

Notes Howard Roffman's textual comparison between the printed autopsy report against the notes and the two R. Clark Panel Reports. What resultant was that there were more facts in the autopsy report than can be accounted

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Just here is the change from the Humes holograph to the typed copy of the second autopsy report. Hal goes into the editing of this by some one at Bethesda and the missing autopsy notes.

for from the existing notes. Conclusion: autopsy notes were missing from the WC files

Chapter 39: Bullet Fragments in the Archives

See p. 461 for the second magic bullet that hit JFK in the head. The amount of fragments from this bullet defy understanding. And the least possible attribute one can assign it is that one of these manifold fragments went down range and hit the curbstone where Tague was standing.

Chapter 40 More Photographic Mysteries

This chpt. Deals with missing film of the autopsy. Notes that during Ex Sess for 12/16 the question of the films comes up. Rankin notifies the Commissioners that the WC has the films and a bunch of autopsy stuff.

Chapter (n.n.) The Original and Six Pink Copies (This is in PM)

On the missing death certificate. The threat to all the military personnel at the autopsy that came down from the Navy Surgeon General w/ Stover's name typed.

The quest for the spectro analysis.