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Source: Postmortem

Chapter 4 Deals w/ Connally's clothes.

Why were they not collected by FBI and or SS. They were of crucial evidentiary value as to the direction of the shot and the nature of the missile. Hal notes that when the Connally's were before the WC Specter never asked about the clothes. It was Specter's job to safeguard the SBT, not disprove.

p. 45 Hal quotes Nellie Connally re: the clothes. He quotes her from Life but gives not citation other than that. His clothes were in the discovered in the closet of Congressman Texas Henry Gonzales (inexplicably] She said she told the SS and she thought the FBI that she had the clothes. After 7 weeks and no interest she soaked the Governor's shirt in cold water (it was soaked in blood and flesh). . . Did she have the coat dry cleaned.

It was only after Connally's clothes lost their evidentiary value that the FBI showed Intense interest in them.

p. 46. Interesting and damning light thrown on the "chain of evidence" w/ the bullet allegedly found in Connally's stretcher. A real poke at the police work of the FBI and SS.

Hal quotes from the testimony of O.P. Wright, he was Tomlinson's supervisor and head of security at Parkland Memorial Hosp. Tomlinson notify Wright about the bullet and Wright notified the FBI. The FBI said they were not interested according to Wright.

[Use if I get to Specter and Tomlinson and the the stretcher and T's WC testimony...

Connally's testified before the WC 4H129-149. Did any of the Commissioners raise a question about the clothes.

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Chapter 5,. The SBT

Some notes to review in this chpt. If needed for article.

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p. 52 Hal quotes from the DI Police "General Offense Report" Check w/ my DL police files. Check w/ tracking files. It reports that Connally was wounded in thigh w/ a fragment not a bullet.

p. 53 Some SS reports that report Connally hit by a separate bullet. Also FBI reports from viewing of Z film that Connally was struck by a separate bullet. These are important but Hal gives no date. I have to assume these FBI reports were used in the FBI's CD 1. Despite the fact that CD 1 ignored the neck wound and said nothing of the missed shot it was accurate about the three shots and three hits, but ignored the missed shot on purpose.

p. 54 Hal has some writing on Humes testimony about the note burning and the Specter/Humes March testimony before the WC.

Archives II Belin memo to Rankin 1/30/'64 where Belin has all three shots hitting JFK and Connally. (cited in PM on p. 492)

pp. 55/56 Hal gets into the Eisenberg reconstruction of the shooting. This was the April meetings. Eisenberg has all three shots hitting. This is part of the evolution of the SBT to come later.

p. 56 The 2<sup>nd</sup> FBI report that came out January 13, 1964 found (Commission File 107)

Point if CD 1 did not have advantage of the autopsy this did. FBI never changed the three shots and three hits.

00p. 56 Hal notes that along with the scale model of Dealey Plaza the FBI added a plastic booklet and in Section 12 it lays out shot one, shot two and shot three

All three, the FBI, SS, and the WC had three shots and three hits. Each knew about the missed shot and ignored it until the WC could no longer keep a blind eye.

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Hal note on missed bullet on p. 57. He cites this as being in WCR (R116). He notes that Hoover informed (Rankin) in August 12, 1964, that the "missed" bullet could not be associated with the assassination.

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## Chapter 6

McClelland and the wound to JFK's left temple. Gives Mc's medical background on p. 59.

See McClelland's description of this wound in Vol. 17 he is one of those reporting in the first 22 pages. Do I have this? Mc's in on pp. 11-12.

He makes the same claim in WC testimony see 6H32/33). Specter never questioned him about the wound to the left temple. (But this was reason for sectioning of the brain just to make certain. But Mc was saying that JFK was struck from the front.

Compare Specter's treatment of Mc w/ Perry who made the same claim. Hal notes that Perry faced S twice 3H366ff and 6H7ff check if I have both. I need to get McClelland's WC testimony.

P. 60/61 Hal mentioned a Dr. David Stewart who supported the frontal wounding also.  
Stewart was never called to testify.

Hal notes on p. 62 the govt. status of the staff members R479-81 for staff. Appendix IV, 475ff for Commissioners. Used to point out their government connections.

Use McClelland, Perry testimony, and failure to call Dr. Stewart as Specter's way to suppress any possibility of a frontal shot.



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p. 68 some useful summary of Shaw and Shires' testimony on Connally's wrist wound and these drs. Belief that they could not have all come from CE # 399.

WC conclusion on p. 19 in the statement that it was not essential to determine which bullet hit Connally, etc. It was, of course, absolutely crucial to prove which shot hit Connally. If he was hit by a separate bullet then there had to be at least two gunmen.

p. 69 of PM. Also note that Connally insisted that he heard the first shot. If he did it could not have been the one that hit him because a bullet travels faster than sound and after being hit so massively he would not have heard the shot. P. 69.

## Chapter 7

Focus on the Siebert & O'Neill report submitted. This one begins with names of those in attendance. All military.

They report Humes saying that the bullet entered JFK's back. Of course this was confirmed by a host of witnesses in the autopsy room. This doc. Maybe in falsification of evidence file or find via tracking this file.

p. Hal notes that Specter interviewed S & O but never called them before the WC. He never called the other witnesses (some 23) who were in the autopsy room. (He did call Kellerman).

pp. 74/75 quotes from CD 1 be sure to look at p. 18 in report where it says the angle was 45 to 60 degrees and that the wound was a back wound. Point here is that FBI knew that from its own report that LHO could not be the lone assassin. Just as the DI Polcie dept. "general offense report" made clear that Connally's thigh wound was made by a fragment and not a bullet. This too undermines the WCR. (Why neither of these documents can be found in the WCReport. Or in the 26 volumes. The source for the Police report had to be the Dallas drs.

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Hal's summary on all the questions and areas that Specter did not pursue. P. 77 that were inherent in what S & O reported.

pp. 82/3 Connally's wrist wound and metal frags. Cites the letter from Reynolds of PMH to SA Drain. This letter gives the measurements of the frag. In Connally's thigh. Hal making the case for frags. In Connally's wrist, thigh, and in his chest that confute the Magic Bullet and pristine condition. He notes that even the lands and grooves on the bullet that has allegedly struck bone were not deformed in any way.

p. 85/6 cites the Specter/Galloway interview when the medical admiral uses Specter's body to show the back wound and its "ssumed" exit out the neck. The key word here in the Specter memo is "assumed." That is just the point as Hal makes on p. 87 that since the neck was not dissected all the prosectors diid was "assume" it exited the neck.

This is noit the way the WR wrote this up. It states that "the drs traced the course of the bullet through the body . . ." Hal cites this WWI 179 no WR cite. But can be found in Report where autopsy is treated.

There is much more detail about the Eisenberg reconstructions of April '64.

CHAPTER 21 ON FINCK HAS ALL THE CITATIONS ON THE ORDERS NOT TO DISSECT THE NECK WOUND AND THE MILITARY CONTROL OF THE AUTOPSY.

Chpt. 22 Burkely

He was the one man in the mortocade, the President's physician, he was in the hearst that took the body to the airfield in D1, he rode in the ambulance that took the remains to Bethesda Hosp, and he was on AF # 1, he was in the emergency room at PMH, he was in the autopsy room, and he was the recipient of all the official evidence.



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But he was never called before the WC as a witness. (His report was finally placed in the WC records only because of FBI intervention with Rankin.

Hal cites Manchester's Death re: Burkley and Ms. Kennedy on AF #! (pp. 349-50). He also cites the similar story in Bishop's The Day the President Died or something. . .on pp. 274-275.

Hal notes that it seems that b was responsible for the choice of Bethesda. (p. 241 PM]

Note to myself: On the topic of FBI/SS tensions I should review material in WW II>

p. 242 Hal speaks of the Burkley file. He notes that only copies and not original are in that file. That the B report has been edited by someone other than B because of the designation of Air Force One as "Air Force "" "" "" There is nothing in the B file that reports on FBI, SS, or WC interest in what B could tell them about the assassination.

Hal examines B's 9-page statement. Allows that it is consistent w/ Manchester and Bishop regarding his conversation w/ Ms. Kennedy and Bethesda as the place for the autopsy.

## Chapter 23

p. 254 Note that Humes in WC testimony reported that he burned not only his preliminary notes but the first draft of the autopsy protocol ((2H373}

No questions raised by Specter of any of the Commissioners

p. 255 Hal goes into what Gunn tried to pry loose from Humes related to the destruction of notes. W/ note destruction how was he able to write a 6-page autopsy (typed) w/ all the exact measurements, etc. If the notes he burned were only 2 pages. Boswell and Finck notes are also missing. How was he able to remember all these precise measurements, etc. Gunn is clearer on this but he takes it from PM. Might be worth a review to hail down Humes

as a egregious liar. In any case, Humes stumbled badly on this in '97 deposition.

p. 260 Perry/Specter WC testimony I do not have this from Vol. 6. Here Perry mentions two calls from Bethesda and knowing what the official autopsy will say. Perry begs off that mornings press conference. He asks Kemp Clark to spell him. He was not going to a press conference, face reporters who are going to ask about the wounds when he already said the neck wound was a frontal wound and the official word would be a wound of exit.

p. 261 Some notes on the burning undertaken by Humes. Just what did he burn?

## Chapter 28

Hal makes the point I missed w. the Texas death certificate which places the nonfatal wound at "just above the right shoulder." This, when the story was that no one in Texas had ever seen the wound on the back. It was legend that the PMH Drs. Did not turn over the body. (p. 302 )PM.

Hal got this from the SS. (p. 302) Not surprisingly this is not in the WCR or the 26 volumes. The doc. Hal describes is not the one I have in folder. If I use this in a footnote I will quote from PM.

p. 303 he shifts to The Threat. This was made by Galloway. Probably explains why none of the military personnel in the autopsy room were called before the WC.,

p. Hal shifts to the JFK death certificate which he was able to get from Kelley of the SS.

(pp 304/35. Make the case w/ transition that the suppression of this from the record by the government as compared to the false allegations that the Kennedy family was responsible for keeping the photos and X-rays, etc. .  
.the whole false charge that the Kennedys were restricting.

Hal makes the useful point that Burkely did not get this 3<sup>rd</sup> thoracic vetebrae from picking it off the Boswell body chart because he executed the dc a day before he received the autopsy records. (pp. 304/305)

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Hal makes point on p. 305 that w/ the Death certificate a rare unanimity occurred with all all the official records of the fake inquest. All the Dallas drs. And all the prosectors had said ion one form or another that the work attributed to CE #399 was impossible.

On this I need to quote Humes, Boswell, and Finck on their view that CE #399 could not have smashed Connally's wrist and remained nearly pristine.

Shires, Shaw also testify to this.

Now the Burkely d.c. supported by the Boswell descriptive sheet (EX. No# 397)

Then follow with all the non-medical reporting on the back wound from the SS, FBI.,  
And the technicians who were in the autopsy room. Only Arlen Specter was in the minority on this with his "Bastard Bullet."

Fake charts or Exhibits 385 and 386

All this explians so many things:

Why the autopsy photos and x-rays were not available for the prosectors when they testified before the WC.

Why Burkley was never called; was actually almost kept out of the official record of the assassination. Why the other medical admirals were never called to testify ot of the 553 witnesses called.

Why Boswell went through his gandy-dance w/ Levine in the Baltimore Sun

Why Specter had the fake exhibits in the H./E volumes,. See Ex. 385 and 386



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The list is Hakl's on p. 305/306.

Add here Specter's memos and reference to the back wound. . . .see my docs.

Note that Ex. Sess for 1/27/'64 Rankin refers to the wound in JFK's back

Also see how the WC (and Rankin especially) played fast and loose with the truth in regard to the X-rays and the autopsy pictures. In above noted session Rankin admits to WC members that the Commission has the "best evidence" in terms of the autopsy pictures. They all heard him, there can be no mistake.\

Hal's PM has excerpted the 4/30 executive session where Rankin is compelled to respond to Specter's April and May 12 memos about essentiality of the Commissioners to square the X-rays and photos with the upcoming report. He is forced to bring this to the attention of the members. Two things stand out: Rankin tries to make the argument that RFK kept the pictures away – the old restriction argument—and that the Chief Justice comments that they should use the pictures but make sure they do not appear in the public record. The explanation is that they would attract morbid curiosity, etc. So we have here the chief counsel and the members self-deluding themselves. The last thing they want is for the autopsy pictures of the back wound to appear in the Report. This alone would destroy the fiction about the SBT. See Hal's PM pp. 550-555