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I, Francis X. O'Neill, Jr., a resident of Guilford, Connecticut, being duly sworn, make oath as follows:

I was interviewed on January 10, 1978 in the FBI Office in New Haven, Connecticut by T. Mark Flanagan, Jr., James Kelly, and Donald A. Purdy, Jr. of the staff of the Select Committee on Assassinations. During this interview, I set forth the substance of the information which follows. At this time I reaffirm that this information is accurate and truthful to the best of my knowledge.

This statement is made freely, voluntarily, and without threats, promises, assurances, or remuneration from any source.

At the time of the assassination, I was an FBI Agent stationed in the Hyattsville, Maryland Resident Agency and received my orders from the Baltimore Field Office. At approximately 5:30 p.m. on 11/22/63, James W. Sibert, also of the FBI, and I received orders to stay with President John F. Kennedy's (JFK) body as soon as it arrived at Andrews Air Force Base.

When the body arrived at Andrews Air Force Base, it was taken off the Air Force I and placed in an ambulance which Jackie Kennedy and Robert F. Kennedy (RFK) also entered. I rode in the "2nd car of the

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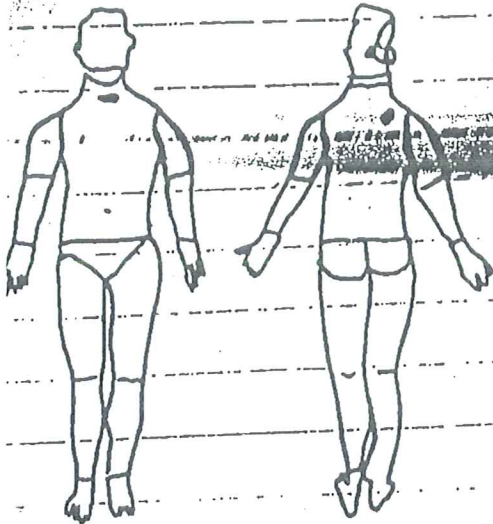
entered the room to make a receipt for the two fragments that were removed from the body which Sibert and I signed for. The doctors removed only two fragments and not a full "missile". Sibert and I then transported the two fragments to the FBI Laboratory where they were given to SA Kurt Frazier. The doctors obtained the large fragments; many small fragments were also in the head, but they were not removed. The autopsy doctors felt that the bullet that entered the head struck the center, low portion of the head and exited from the top, right side, towards the front.

I do recall Humes, Boswell, and/or Finck calling out measurements for the wounds. I do remember the doctors measuring the piece of skull that was found in the limousine and brought to Bethesda during the autopsy.

In my opinion, JFK could have had an open casket. The medical illustrator that the Commission employed did not accurately depict the President's wounds.

I do not recall which doctor was taking the notes during the autopsy, but Finck seemed to take over the autopsy when he arrived.

I do not see how the bullets^{4/8} that entered below the shoulder in the back could have come out the front of the throat. During the interview on January 10, 1978, I disagreed with Dr. Boswell's depiction of the location



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