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Doctor says his Kennedy sketch was wrong

DR. THORNTON BOSWELL, who helped perform the post mortem on President Kennedy, said yesterday that he had made a diagram error in a hasty "worksheet" sketch that was not drawn or the final Warren report on the assassination. Critics have used the sketch in challenging

the Commission's report.

Boswell said his diagram showed that the lower bullet wound was in the President's back. Actually, he said yesterday, the wound was at the back of the base of his neck. The diagram was drawn quickly during the autopsy as "rough notes" and was not intended to be exact. He pointed out yesterday that his longhand notes on the sketch gave the correct, precise location of the wound. The written autopsy report and the official evidence to the Warren Commission located the wound correctly, he said.

F.B.I. reports of the autopsy stated that the wound was in the

back.

If this wound were in the President's back, the bullet could not have come out of Mr. Kennedy's throat; therefore the same bullet could not have struck both Mr. Kennedy and the Texas Governor, Mr. John Connally, who was sitting in front of the President.

Mr. Edward Jay Epstein, author of the book "Inquest," concedes in the current issue of Esquire magazine that, if the autopsy photographs showed the wound in the neck, there would be no further doubt about the autopsy report and a second assassin would be ruled out. Dr. Boswell said yesterday that he had studied the autopsy photographs (now in the National Archives) and that they clearly showed the wound in the President's neck.—(A.P.)