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Dear Sylvia:

Things are happening!! It's such a relief to have discussion going on all over the place.

The important thing, to me, on the material I sent you on the neck wound, is the diagram that I got out of a family medical book - I didn't know before I found it just what was meant by larynx - trachea, thyroid cartilage and Adam's apple and what was their position in the throat. When I found that the thyroid cartilage is the same as the Adam's apple and the Adam's apple is the largest cartilage of the larynx and the larynx is above the trachea and that there were bruises and hematoma (swelling containing blood) on the larynx and the larynx had been deviated (pushed aside) to the left - <sup>and immediately below the larynx was the "ragged tracheal injury"</sup> - Then when you look at the hole in the knot of the tie - then you look at the picture of Kennedy wearing that tie and you see his Adam's apple (~~larynx~~) above his shirt collar and look at the diagram - the line had to be upward - sharply upward. For a clearer picture of Kennedy look at the book cover of "Four Days" also the larger same picture inside. Carries was the first doctor to examine that throat wound before Perry came and the tracheotomy was performed.

I didn't put forth any theories - I simply gave the pictures - the definitions - and the testimony. Draw your own conclusions. I don't think Carries would lie. He wasn't badgered by anybody because he didn't do much talking. Perry was. But I don't think Perry reversed the direction of the line. I don't think he was correct in saying "slightly superiorly" - I think the angle was more than "slightly" upward.

Lots of love

Lillian