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Under date of December 5, 1963, the FBI Laboratory advised Honorable JAMES J. ROWLEY, Chief, United States Secret Service, Department of the Treasury, Washington, D. C. 20220, as follows concerning an examination requested by communication of November 23, 1963:

Specimen:

Evidence personally delivered by Special Agent Orrin Bartlett on November 23, 1963

Q19 Pair of black moccasin shoes
Q20 Pair of black socks
Q21 - Q22 Trousers and coat
Q23 Belt
Q24 Necktie
Q25 Shirt
Q26 Handkerchief
Q27 Comb
Q28 Bandages and belt
Q29 White shorts

Results of examination:

Examination of the President's clothing revealed the presence of a small hole in the back of the coat and shirt. The hole in the back of the coat is positioned approximately 5 3/8" below the top of the collar and 1 3/4" to the right of the middle seam. The hole in the shirt back is located in the same relative area, being 5 3/4" below the top of the collar and 1 1/8" to the right of the middle. These holes are typical of bullet entrance holes.

The evidence bullets submitted in this case are clad with copper metal. Spectrographic examination of the fabric surrounding the holes in the back of the coat and shirt revealed minute traces of copper.

A ragged slitlike hole approximately 1/2" in length is located in the front of the shirt 7/8" below the collar button. This hole is through both the button and buttonhole portions of the shirt due to the overlap. This hole has the characteristics of an exit hole for a projectile. No bullet metal was found in the fabric surrounding the hole in the front of the shirt.

A small elongated nick was located in the left side of the knot of the tie, Q24, which may have been caused by the projectile after it had passed through the front of the shirt.

X-ray and other examinations of the clothing revealed no additional evidence of value.