

Brief description of Article "The First Shot: A New Line of Evidence Challenging the Warren Report," by Robert Forman.

This article of approximately 7,500 words with 10 photographs and drawings is the product of research done by the head of the anthropology department of a Midwestern university. On the basis of anatomical findings--an avenue left unexplored by the Warren Commission--he has come up with what seems to me the best proof yet in the scientific sense that the Commission's single-bullet, single-assassin theory is impossible.

To ~~XXX~~ check the soundness of the author's arguments, the article was sent to Dr. Cyril H. Wecht, Director of the Institute of Forensic Sciences at the Duquesne University School of Law in Pittsburgh, who wrote a critique of the Kennedy autopsy as an appendix to Six Seconds in Dallas by Josiah Thompson. Wecht said of this article: "In brief, I would say that the author is essentially correct in his anatomical descriptions and evaluations. I can find no serious or significant flaw in his reasoning."

Though dealing with technical matters of a medical nature, the author writes in a clear style. The tone is not sensational but rather reasonable, matter-of-fact, and persuasive.

Sylvia: you might want to go into further detail by stating that the article proves that if the first shot hit Kennedy in the back and exited at the throat, as the Commission found, it could not possibly have hit Gov. Connally but would have exited from the limousine; and further, that the source of the shot would have been at ~~XXX~~ almost ground level.