

FBI Statements after Inquest

May 29, 1966 Washington Post "This report (the Dec. 9 report), the FBI said last week, was based on the medical evidence at that time."

May 30, 1966 Los Angeles Times "Epstein's case is challenged by the statement Sunday by the FBI spokesman that the FBI report was wrong when it said 'there was no point of exit.' The FBI agents were not doctors but were merely quoting doctors, the FBI spokesman said, which of course does not dispose of the question whether the doctors were right or wrong. The FBI spokesman said the ultimate truth about the wound is in the autopsy report...."

June 5, 1966 New York Times "The bureau declines comment."

June 5, 1966 Detroit News "The FBI...is not going to support Epstein's contention that their report was the correct one. The FBI is now saying through its official spokesmen that their own reports of Dec. 9 and Jan. 13 were 'preliminary, interim' documents, and that the overwhelming weight of the evidence is against the possibility of any Oswald accomplice... Specter, Humes and Finck were contacted by The Detroit News last week. All declined comment on Epstein's specific criticisms and all observed that it would be improper to go beyond what the commission report already said."

June 8 (?), 1966 AP Dispatch (Fresno, Calif. Bee of 6/8/66)

"The FBI has declined comment on Epstein's assertions."

June 28, 1966 LOOK (dated 7/12/66) "Says an official FBI spokesman: 'It is completely contrary to the facts to indicate that the FBI and the Commission are in opposition on the findings of the Commission. Our first reports were merely to chart a course and were not designed to be conclusive. It is entirely possible that Humes' autopsy report did not get into the hands of the FBI until later, and so our initial reports did not reflect the doctors' decision.' "

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