

Outline for article on JFK Autopsy Photographs and X-Rays: Phase Three

- I. Chronological Summary of disposition of autopsy photos and X-rays
(a) 11/22/63 to 11/2/66; (b) 11/2/66 to February 1968; and (c) February 1968 to present
- II. The Four "Verifications" (a) Humes/Boswell November 1966 (b) Humes/Boswell/Finck January 1967 (c) Three unnamed independent experts 1966 (per Manchester) (d) four-man panel 1968
- III. Four-man Panel Report of 1968
 - X-rays all four extremities missing, vs Humes' testimony "total body X-rays"
 - Inventory fails to correspond with Sibert/O'Neill, Humes, or Burke Marshall count
 - Bullet fragments in neck, mentioned for first time, conflict with Humes testimony
 - Large "brownish" fragment in brain, never previously mentioned, what is it?
 - Failure dissect left side of brain
 - Bullet wound in skull raised 4 inches
 - Failure reconcile site of bullet wound with holes in clothes
 - Measurements given cannot be made from photo
 - Failure comment on CE 399
 - Systematic deletion references Gov. Connally wounds in extracts from WR
 - Trajectory non-fatal bullet wound path remains an assumption, despite implication path was established
 - Conflict with Humes/Boswell/Finck 1967 "verification" report ("no bullets or large fragments")
 - Why were autopsy photos and X-rays made available repeatedly to three interested parties, whose findings considered suspect, and to four-man panel, but not to Wecht, Helpert, Nichols, Kupferman, or Meagher?
- IV. Hearing before Judge Charles Halleck, Jr. at Washington, D.C.
 - Testimony of Robert Forman on site of back wound and trajectory (street level)
 - Testimony of Cyril Wecht on head-snap, head wound, neck fragments, etc.
- V. Testimony in New Orleans
 - Testimony of John Nichols on head-snap, etc.
 - Cross-examination and admissions made by Pierre Finck:
 - (a) Presence of generals and admirals
 - (b) Orders to autopsy surgeons not to dissect neck; to insert word "presumably" in description of "wound of entry"
 - (c) Other anomalies, omissions, and irregularities
- VI. Judicial determinations
 - In LIFE suit for summary judgment vs J.D. Thompson "Six Seconds in Dallas"

Judge Halleck's order that Government produce autopsy photos and X-rays for inspection by Dr. Wecht

Implications of the two judicial opinions for the claimed validity, accuracy, and integrity of the Warren Report

Judge Haggerty's ruling that Zapruder film was admissible evidence and the effect of screenings (acknowledged backward head snap)

VII. Opportunities and Missed Opportunities

Telegram cancelling request for photos and X-rays

Inadequate cross-examination of Marina Oswald, Frazier, Shaneyfelt, etc.

Editorials coast to coast in wake of Shaw trial verdict calling for an end to further discussion of WR, and unfavorable climate for new findings (e.g., Newcomb's analysis and conclusion that photos of Oswald holding rifle and with revolver in holster are fabrications, and his alleged discovery of splicing in original Zapruder film prior to its delivery to LIFE magazine)

What can be done now to overcome press and public weariness and hostility toward further attempts to demonstrate the fraudulence of the Warren Report? The impact of the James Earl Ray "trial" and the unresolved evidence of conspiracy; parallels Ray and Oswald.

The need for sober, responsible, impartial efforts to reopen the investigation of the Dallas assassination, giving no quarter to allies or to adversaries who violate fact, truth or logic, by persistent and renewed efforts to:

- (a) obtain release of the autopsy photos and X-rays to Wecht, Nichols, etc.
- (b) call attention to Ferman's findings on site of back wound and trajectory
- (c) call attention to Newcomb's findings of fabrication of photos of Oswald with rifle
- (d) as in (c) above, to splicing of original Zapruder film
- (e) obtain print of Zapruder film for general showing on TV
- (f) reviews of responsible critical works (Accessories After the Fact, Six Seconds in Dallas, Ferman's monograph, Braverman's critique if up-dated on ballistics findings, etc.) in prestigious periodicals where no reviews have yet appeared
- (g) suits under freedom of information act to obtain spectrography findings, declassification of withheld evidence, deleted testimony (reference to wounds, by Mrs. J.F. Kennedy, etc)