

16 February 1969

Mr. Harrison Salisbury
The New York Times
New York City 10036

Dear Mr. Salisbury,

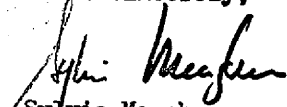
I was interested to read in yesterday's Times, page 13, columns 4-6, that Judge Charles Halleck had heard testimony from Dr. Cyril H. Wecht, forensic pathologist and medical examiner, and had then ruled that the Kennedy autopsy photographs and X-rays should be made available to Dr. Wecht for his examination. The story does not indicate the nature of Dr. Wecht's testimony, although I have received information personally which indicates that he was critical of the findings of the four-man panel report which was the subject of a page 1 story in the Times on January 18, 1969 ("Inquiry Upholds Warren Report").

The brevity of yesterday's story caused me to review my collection of clippings from the Times on the subject of the autopsy photographs and X-rays. There were six such stories between November 2, 1966 and February 15, 1969. The first four stories were on page 1 and received, respectively, 82½"; 32¼"; 76"; and 36". The fifth story was on an inside page (page number unknown) and accounted for 32".

The sixth story (on February 15, 1969, page 13)—the only one which may be said to be in any way favorable to the position of critics of the Warren Report—accounted for 4½" of space, or 1.7 per cent of the aggregate column inches for the six Times stories on the autopsy photos and X-rays.

No doubt the vicissitudes of getting a newspaper out produced this rather one-sided coverage, at random. But it does make rather an unfortunate impression.

Yours sincerely,


Sylvia Meagher
302 West 12 Street
New York, N.Y. 10014

cc: Peter Kihss
Fred Graham
Cyril H. Wecht
Bernard Fensterwald

NEW YORK TIMES PRESS STORIES ON THE AUTOPSY PHOTOGRAPHS AND X-RAYS IN THE ASSASSINATION OF
PRESIDENT KENNEDY

<u>Date</u>	<u>Page</u>	<u>Inches</u>	<u>Headline</u>
11/2/66	1	82½	Autopsy photographs put in Archives by the Kennedys (by Fred Graham)
11/3/66	1	32½	Photographs and X-rays of Kennedy autopsy will be barred to all private persons for at least 5 years (by Fred Graham)
1/6/68	1	76	Rules for X-rays of Kennedy given (by Fred Graham)
1/17/69	1	36	Inquiry upholds Warren Report (UPI)
1/18/69	8 (?)	32	A U.S. Judge denies Kennedy photos to Garrison (by Fred Graham)
2/15/69	13	4½	X-rays released for witness (UPI)