

Docs Agree Bullet Hit JFK From Behind

Washington (AP)—A panel of pathologists unanimously concluded that President John F. Kennedy was struck in the back of the head by a bullet, not from the front as some conspiracy-theory investigators have claimed, Congress was told yesterday.

The pathologists told the House assassinations committee that the bullet, after entering from the back of the head, shattered the President's skull and exited through the front of the head.

The conclusion agrees with the findings of the Warren Commission and the doctors who performed the autopsy on Kennedy's body only hours after he was assassinated in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

The Warren Commission concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald, acting alone, assassinated Kennedy by firing from behind the presidential limousine. Some investigators, by suggesting that the

bullet struck Kennedy from the front, have raised the possibility that a second gunman was involved.

Call One Point Wrong

Reporting the panel's findings, Dr. Michael Baden said that "all nine members of the panel unanimously concluded" that the bullet causing the head wound entered from the back of Kennedy's head and exited from the "right front side of the head."

But the panel, which was retained by the committee, said that the original autopsy report was wrong on one point.

The entrance wound in the head was about four inches higher than the point

specified in the original report, Baden said.

It was not immediately clear what if any bearing this discrepancy might have on the location of the assassin. The Warren Commission concluded that Oswald fired a rifle at Kennedy from the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository.

Baden, New York City's chief medical examiner and the panel's moderator, said the pathologists agreed that another bullet, causing a less serious wound in Kennedy's upper back and neck, also was fired from the rear. That bullet exited in the front of the neck, Baden said.

There has been no major dispute on the entrance point of that bullet.