

Telephone conversation with Cyril Wecht Monday 10 pm 5/30/66

Called Dr Wecht after listening to tape of his appearance on the LJ talkathon 4/8/66 in which he made very effective outspoken attack on autopsy findings. Asked particularly source of his statement that the autopsy doctors were forbidden to talk. He told me he is a friend of Col Pierre Finck (about 45 years old) and that early in the case he wanted to discuss the autopsy with Finck, who told him that he was unable to say anything..."Not allowed to say anything"...About a year later, when Wecht was to be on LJ panel, again asked Finck if he could make any suggestions, etc. and Finck again told him that he was not permitted to say anything.

Believes Admiral Burkley (not a WC witness) told Finck not to discuss autopsy. Doubts if Finck examined head only; believes he would also have looked at other parts of the body, since he is expert on entrance and exit wounds, etc. No question he was better qualified than Humes to perform the autopsy; thinks Humes was in charge only because he was chief pathologist at Naval Medical Center, ie, bureaucratic decision.

I mentioned his statement on the tape that he accepted that LHO was the lone assassin...he laughed with perhaps a little embarrassment, said he was beginning to wonder about that. Promised to send him TMO June with SM review Hartogs; advised him subscribe TMO and RAMPARTS.

Expects be in NYC early August; will notify SM in advance.