

Aide-Memoire

Items for Discussion with Dr. Wecht, December 8 and 9, 1966

1. Interpretation of Zapruder frames 234-238 to evaluate whether the Governor's appearance, movements, and manipulation of right hand are compatible with bullet wounds sustained earlier than frame 225.
2. Interpretation of Zapruder frames 313 and those which follow to evaluate the apparent recoil backward and to the left (a spokesman for the official findings claims that he consulted neurologists and was told that the impact of a bullet on certain portions of the brain would produce any of a variety of body reflexes, including reflexes which appear to be inconsistent with the direction of the bullet).
3. Determination of the exact location of the missing segment of the skull and comparison of the site with the schematic drawings prepared by Dr. Humes and with his autopsy report and testimony.
4. Reexamination and evaluation of the diagram of the skull made during the autopsy (CE 397) in the light of frames 313 ff.
5. Recourse to the autopsy photographs and x-rays in order to fix the exact location of the missing segment of the skull and to corroborate the existence and location of the alleged small entry wound in the back of the head.
6. Evaluation of the preoperative x-rays of Governor Connally's thigh in the light of contradictory reports of a bullet or most of a bullet being lodged in or removed from his leg (by Malcolm Kilduff "on the highest authority;" by Leo Sauvage in 1964 issue of Commentary, on the basis of conversation with aide Julian Reade; and by Mark Lane on basis of video-tape in which a Parkland doctor tells the press that the bullet is still in the leg).
7. Review of general inadequacy of the autopsy examination conducted at Bethesda---(a) failure to telephone Parkland Hospital before or during the autopsy (b) failure to photograph the back of the body, as the Sibert/O'Neill report suggests (c) failure to corroborate assumed bullet path through body by microscopic examination of tissue samples (d) omission of findings on adrenal glands (e) preservation of the brain, if indeed preserved, presumably with scattering of tiny bullet fragments---can they still be subjected to neutron activation analysis? (f) did the autopsy surgeons perhaps misidentify the entry and exit wounds (back entry with exit at Adam's apple), reversing the true entry and true exit with each other, and misjudging the direction of the bullet?
8. Timing and other details of a request for permission to view the autopsy photographs and x-rays.
9. Review of the 16 deaths in terms of general mortality statistics for clues to any radical divergencies from national or local pattern.
10. Onset of rigor mortis
11. "Lump" on cheek (250-312)
12. Co-author = Ken Goodall article on autopsy?
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