

### 1. Medical Evidence

The committee is analyzing the medical evidence in each assassination to assist it both in resolving basic issues concerning the assassination and in evaluating the conduct of various individuals and institutions subsequent to the assassination.

In the Kennedy investigation, the committee has retained as consultants nine leading forensic pathologists to determine the nature and causes of the wounds inflicted upon President Kennedy and Governor Connally. The pathologists met in panels to review the available medical evidence, which includes autopsy photos, X-rays, clothing and bullet fragments. The pathologists also viewed relevant photographs of the assassination. In the course of their analyses, the pathologists recommended the following projects, which the select committee is currently undertaking: (1) soft X-ray and EDX testing to determine if the clothing Governor Connally and President Kennedy wore at the time of the assassination contains any metal tracings and, if so, what type of metal; (2) enhancement of the most important JFK and Connally X-rays to afford a more detailed examination of the X-rays; (3) the retention of a radiologist to provide expert analysis of the X-rays; (4) consultation with an expert in anatomy and physical anthropology to study the origin of particular bone fragments; and (5) interviews with the doctors who treated Governor Connally and performed the autopsy on President Kennedy.

In conjunction with the forensic pathologists' work, the committee will also examine the evidence and perform tests to insure that the photographs and X-rays being examined are authentic.

The committee is also completing an inventory of all items of physical evidence pertaining to the autopsy and medical evidence which existed in 1963. The committee will attempt to locate any materials which are not currently accounted for, in order to insure that the forensic pathologists have the maximum available evidentiary basis on which to rest their conclusions.

The investigation into the assassination of Dr. King will also employ pathologists to analyze issues that may be resolved by an examination of the medical evidence. Special projects similar to those recommended by the pathologists and undertaken by the committee in conjunction with the Kennedy investigation will be performed, where appropriate, to assist the pathologists in their examination of the medical evidence relevant to Dr. King.

### 2. Ballistics

In both the Kennedy and King investigations, a careful analysis of all the ballistic evidence available is being conducted both to evaluate the investigations that were performed regarding each assassination, as well as enable the committee to reach an independent conclusion concerning the identity of the assassin(s). Ballistics tests serve to identify the rifles that fired bullets found at the scene of a shooting. The committee has assembled a panel of ballistics and firearms experts to perform such an analysis. Exhaustive microscopic, visual, chemical analyses, and test firings, where appropriate, have been or will be performed on each item of ballistic evidence. The firearms and ballistics panels will submit reports to the committee describing their findings and responding to a series of questions that the committee has propounded.