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It is the opinion of Dr. Rose that one of the bullets will be suitable for ballistics comparisons.

On December 10, 1963 I called at the office of Dr. Rose and obtained a copy of his autopsy report on Officer J. D. Tippit. The report shows that three of the bullets hit Tippit in the chest and the other bullet hit his head.

In Dr. Rose's report he states that the bullet which caused the No. 4 wound was not recovered by him. In SA Warner's report dated 12-1-63 he states that a statement was obtained from Officer R. A. Davenport, Dallas Police Department, concerning the recovery of a .38 caliber projectile from the stomach of Officer Tippit after Officer Tippit was pronounced DOA at Methodist Hospital.

A copy of the autopsy report is attached for Chief's Office.

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PARKLAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

PATHOLOGY LABORATORY

Autopsy Number: M63-352

Unit No.:

Name: Tippitt, J. D.

Age: 39 Race: White Sex: Male

Admitted: 11-22-63 DOA

Expired:

Autopsy date: 11-22-63, 3:15 P.M.

Service:

Autopsy by: Earl F. Rose, M. D.

Physician: ~~Physician~~ Coroner: Judge Joe B. Brown, Jr.

Restrictions: None

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION:

External examination reveals a well developed white male measuring 5 foot, 11 inches in length and weighing an estimated 175 to 180 pounds. The hair is black, slightly wavy, very slight frontal balding. The irides are blue, the pupils are equal at 5 mm. Nigor is not present. Very slight posterior nuchal lividity and body heat is present. Oral hygiene is good. The neck is not remarkable. Hair distribution is normal, the penis is circumcised. Identification bands on the left wrist, right wrist and left ankle.

There are four entrance types of wounds. No. 1 is 4 3/4 inches from the top of the head and 3 3/4 inches to the right of the midline. This measures 3/8 x 1/4 inch and is surrounded by a contusion ring. No powder tattooing is noted at the margins.

Wound No. 2 is 17 inches from the top of the head on the right chest. It is 4 inches to the right of the midline, above and slightly radial to the right nipple. It measures $3/8 \times 1/4$ of an inch, surrounded by bruising. There is also a contusion ring.

Wound No. 3 is 21 inches from the top of the head, along the anterior lateral side of the right chest and is 6 inches to the right of the midline. This measures $5/16 \times 1/4$ of an inch and is surrounded by a contusion ring.

Wound No. 4 on the left chest is $20\frac{1}{2}$ inches from the top of the head, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches to the left of the midline. The wound measures $3/4 \times 3/8$ of an inch, is transverse and surrounding this is a $1/4 \times 3/4$ inch abrasion.

There is tanning of the arms. On the left arm there is a tattoo being "Tiger". On the dorsum of the left hand there is a crusted abraded area measuring $1\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ inch and a fresh abraded area on the dorsum of the right hand which measures $1\frac{1}{2} \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ inch. The nails are quite well cared for although slightly dirty. Scar above the left knee, runs in an oblique fashion, crosses to the medial aspect of the knee, terminates on the leg measuring 7 inches. Poorly defined $\frac{1}{2}$ inch inoculation type of scar on the left deltoid region.

$16\frac{1}{2}$ inches from the top of the head, $3/4$ of an inch to the right of the midline of the back in the subcutaneous tissue a missile is recovered from this region. This is associated with the Wound No. 3.

INCISIONS: The standard "Y" thoracoabdominal and intercostal incisions are utilized. Examination of the wound of the right temple is made. It is found to enter in the right middle cranial fossa, pursues a course which is slightly upward, backward and

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to the left. There is fracturing about the entrance and extensive fractures as it strikes the left occipitoparietal bone. It is recovered in this region, 3 inches to the left of the midline and approximately 1 inch from the top of the head. Examination of the brain is made. The brain weighs 1350 gm. The course of the missile through the brain is followed. It is found to enter the right temporal lobe, coursed through the brain transecting the brain stem, severing the cerebral peduncles surrounded by extensive hemorrhage, and found to exit from the brain substance in the calcareine gyrus to the left of the midline. There are punctations of the meninges in the regions described. Examination of the brain is otherwise not remarkable.

The abdominal pericardium measures up to $7/8$ of an inch. The organs are in the normal position. Examination of the serous cavities is made. There is found to be extensive peritoneal hemorrhage, approximately 300 cc. In the right pleural space there is in excess of 1000 cc. of blood.

THE COURSES OF THE MISSILES ARE FOLLOWS. The wound described as No. 2 is found to go between the second and third rib. The missile is found to penetrate the anterior edge of the right upper lobe. The bullet is found to go into the pericardial sac, there is extensive hemorrhage in the pericardial sac, approximately 4 ounces. Passes through the superior vena cava. It exits into the mediastinum, strikes the fourth thoracic vertebra to the left of the midline, courses in the substance of the vertebra and is recovered slightly to the left of the vertebra approximately 16 inches from the top of the head, having pursued a course very slightly upward, to the left, and backward.

Wound No. 3 is found to penetrate the chest wall as externally described, is surrounded by hemorrhage, noting the dorsal of the sixth rib slightly lateral to the costo-

chondral junction. It penetrates the anterior edge of the right lower lobe of the lung, the diaphragm, penetrates the liver, the entrance wound to the liver and laceration which is approximately 3 x 2.5 cm. It pursues a course backward, upward, and to the left and is recovered from the soft tissue of the back, 16 1/2 inches from the top of the head and 3/4 of an inch to the right of the midline. In its course it is also found to again penetrate the diaphragm after going through the liver and penetrates the posterior aspect of the right lower lobe.

Wound No. 4 is examined. It is found to be superficial and no penetration of the rib cage is noted. There is hemorrhage beneath the abraded and bruised area adjacent to the wound. No missiles are present in this area.

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LUNGS: The lungs together weigh 1200 gm. The penetrations of the lung have previously been described. There are areas of atelectasis and along the courses of the bullet through the lung there is extensive hemorrhage.

LIVER: The liver weighs 1670 gm. The penetrations of the liver have previously been described. The cut surface of the liver is not remarkable.

GALLBLADDER & BILIARY TREE: Not remarkable.

RENAL SYSTEM: Not remarkable.

KIDNEYS: The kidneys together weigh 350 gm. The capsule strips quite easily and they are pale.

ADRENALS: Not remarkable.

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WEIGHT: The spleen weighs 100 Gm. The capsule is smooth. The cut surface is not remarkable.

HEART: The heart weighs 340 Gm. There is an epicardial coarctation, anterior surface, one found to be of good caliber, area of occlusions. The valves are not remarkable. The myocardium grossly is not remarkable.

WEIGHT: Not remarkable.

STOMACH: The stomach contains partially digested food, approximately 5 ounces. The duodenum is not remarkable. The small and large bowel are not remarkable. The appendix is present.

RESPIRATORY SYSTEM: The respiratory system is not remarkable except for the previously described bullet fragments.

REMARKS: Not remarkable.

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FINDINGS:

Gunshot wound to the head.
Brain parenchymal damage and hemorrhage.
Gunshot wounds of the chest.
Penetrations of the right lung, superior vena cava, and liver.
Right hemothorax.
Peritoneal hemorrhage.
Pericardial hemorrhage with cardiac tamponade.

CAUSE OF DEATH:

Gunshot wounds of the head and chest.

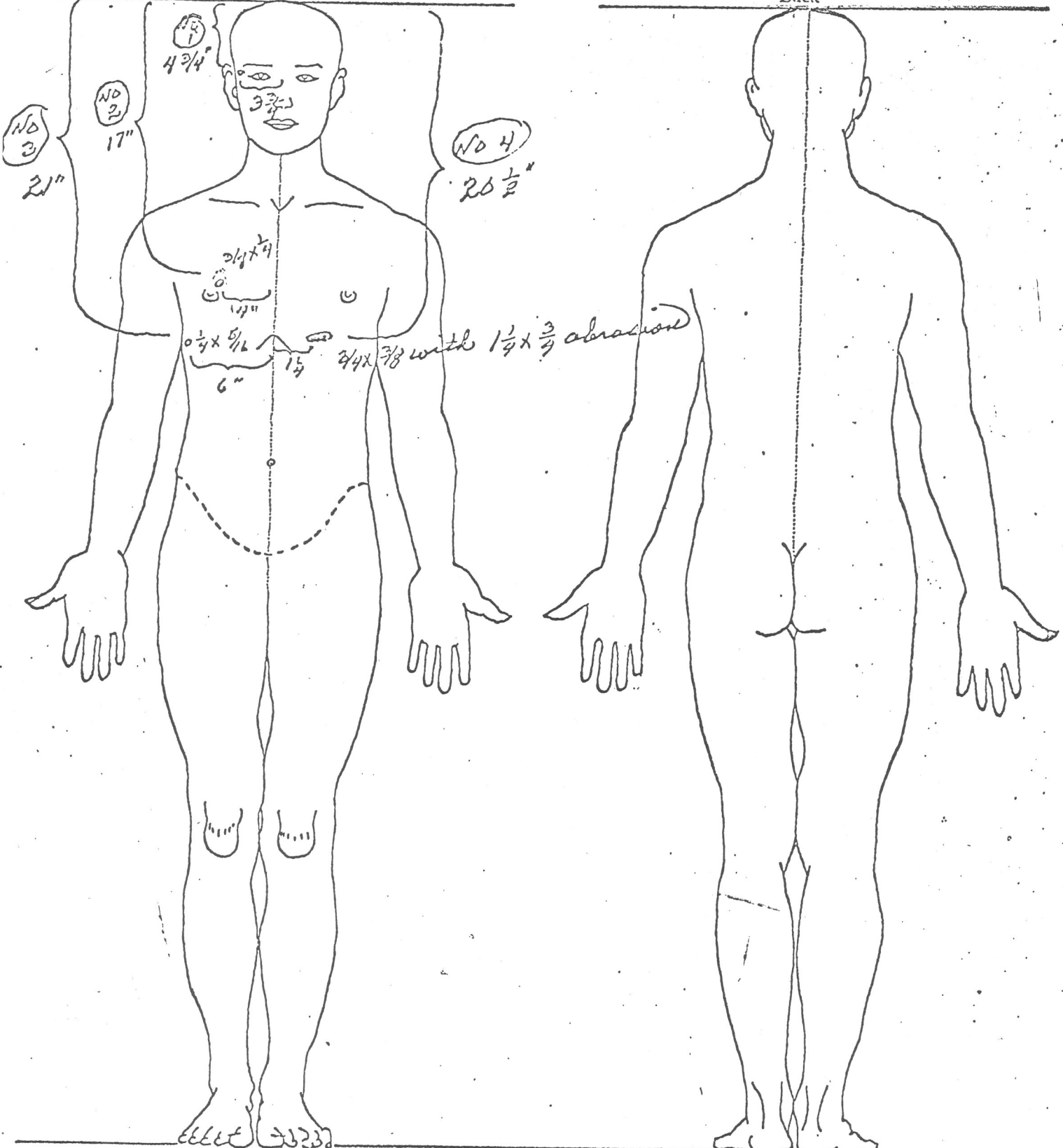
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BODY DIAGRAM

Front

Back



Decedent's Height 5' 11 inches

Name H. P. Tippitt No 352-63

Examined By C. F. Moser, M.D. Date 11-22-63

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

U. S. Secret Service

TO : SAIC Bouck, PRS Section

DATE: November 27, 1963

FROM : Inspector Kelley

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SUBJECT: Shells from revolver of Lee Harvey Oswald

There are forwarded herewith two 38 caliber shells taken from the revolver in the hands of Lee Harvey Oswald at the time of his arrest by Dallas Police. The remaining revolver ammunition (expended) is in the hands of the FBI. The Dallas Police Department have retained one unexpended shell in their Property Room. ~~They are being forwarded as requested by the Chief.~~

*Nov 3 1963 at 5 PM
Delivered to Owen Bartlett, FBI,
this date above name shells,
JDR.*

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Date 11/25/63

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Observation made of material obtained by the Dallas Police Department by search warrant November 22, 1963, from the rooming house located at 1026 North Beckley, residence of LEE HARVEY OSWALD by Detectives W. E. POTTS, D. M. TURNER, and H. M. MOORE revealed, among other things, the following:

1. Imperial hunting knife and scabbard;
2. One box of German phrase sentences flash cards;
3. One box Russian alphabet and number (flash cards);
4. Various toilet articles including shaving kit, vitamin pills, tweezers, etc.;
5. One roll of wax wrapping paper;
6. A Russian-built portable radio;
7. Various articles of men's clothing and towels;
8. Pocket-size Gregg Shorthand book of 20,000 words;
9. One Gregg Shorthand book;
10. Pocketbook by Ian Fleming entitled Live and Let Die;
11. One copy of Roberts Rules of Order, revised;
12. Pocketbook by Ian Fleming entitled The Spy Who Loved Me;
13. Book entitled Study of the USSR and Communism, by Alfred J. Reifer, publishers Scott, Foresmen and Company;
14. One section of a portable radio;
15. One empty holster;

on 11/24/63 at Dallas, Texas File # Dallas 89-43

by Special Agent LELAND D. STEPHENS/it:sl Date dictated 11/25/63

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Date 11/26/63

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On November 22, 1963, I, SA VINCENT E. DRAIN, contacted Chief of Police JESSE E. CURRY relative to the following listed items of evidence which had been collected by the Dallas Police Department in their investigation of the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY on November 22, 1963. Chief of Police CURRY, accompanied by Lieutenant CARL DAY, made available these items for examination by the FBI Laboratory. Chief CURRY made available the following listed items which were received from Captain WILL FRITZ and Lieutenant CARL DAY of the Dallas Police Department, Dallas, Texas:

1. Live round rifle shell 6.5 millimeter, which was found in rifle, Serial Number C 2766, which was believed to be the gun used in the above assassination.
2. Spent hulls of 6.5 millimeter shell believed to have been fired in rifle, Serial Number C 2766, believed to have been the gun used in the assassination. (2 spent hulls)
3. One blanket found at the scene where the rifle was located, which may have been the blanket used as a cover for carrying this rifle.
4. One shirt taken from suspect LEE HARVEY OSWALD.
5. Brown paper which was found at what was believed to be the point of firing of the fatal bullets used in the assassination. This paper possibly may have been used to carry above rifle to the scene of the building from which it was fired.
6. Sample of brown paper used by Texas School Book Depository and sample of paper tape used by Texas School Book Depository.
7. Fragments of spent bullet found in the body of Governor JOHN CONNALLY.

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on 11-22, 23, at Dallas, Texas and Washington, File # DL 89-43
24/63 D. C.

by Special Agent VINCENT E. DRAIN/jt Date dictated 11/26/63

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8. One Smith and Wesson snub-nose revolver, Serial Number V 510210, which was taken from suspect OSWALD at the time of his arrest.
9. One bullet recovered from the body of deceased Officer J. D. TIPPIT!
10. One 6.5 millimeter bolt action rifle, inscribed "1940, made in Italy", serial number C 2766. Also inscribed on the rifle is a crown which appears similar to an English crown, and under this is "R-E." Also inscribed is "Rocca" which is enclosed in rectangular lines and that is on the plunger on the bolt action on the rear of the gun. On the scope of the gun is a gun site inscribed "Ordnance Optics, Inc., Hollywood, California, 010 or 010, Japan." Also inscribed is a cloverleaf and inside the cloverleaf is "OSC."

On November 23, 1963, at 3:10 a.m., I left with the above mentioned items aboard a U. S. Air Force C-135 Tanker made available by the Commanding Officer of the Carswell Air Force Base, and arrived in Washington, D.C. at 6:30 a.m. Eastern Standard Time, November 23, 1963. I was accompanied aboard this flight by the crew and U. S. Secret Service Agent WINSTON LAWSON. Upon arriving in Washington, D. C., I immediately delivered this evidence to the office of Assistant Director IVAN CONRAD of the FBI Laboratory in Washington, D.C.

I remained at the FBI Headquarters while this evidence was being examined, and after examination by the FBI, Assistant Director IVAN CONRAD of the FBI Laboratory, Washington, D.C., returned this evidence to me for transportation back to Dallas, Texas.

I departed Andrews Air Force Base aboard a U. S. Air Force Air Craft November 23, 1963, arriving at Dallas, Texas November 24, 1963. Upon arrival at Dallas, Texas, I went directly to the FBI Office, Dallas, where the above mentioned items were deposited in a locked vault.

On the morning of November 24, 1963, I contacted Chief of Police JESSE E. CURRY, Dallas Police Department, who stated that he would be available to take possession of the

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above listed items of evidence from me on that date. I immediately made arrangements to take this evidence to the Dallas Police Department, and was accompanied by SA C. RAY HALL of the FBI, Dallas Division, and SA JOHN J. FLANAGAN of the FBI, Oklahoma City Division, who was on special assignment at that time to the Dallas FBI Office.

Upon arrival at the Dallas Police Department, I was notified that LEE HARVEY OSWALD had been shot during his removal from the Dallas City Jail to the Dallas County Jail, and that Chief CURRY was at that moment preoccupied.

I waited with this evidence until 3:40 p.m. in Deputy Chief M. W. STEVENSON's Office at the Dallas Police Department where I maintained personal custody of this evidence until 3:40 p.m., November 24, 1963, at which time it was delivered into the custody of Chief of Police CURRY of the Dallas Police Department, for which a receipt was received from him.

The sample of brown paper used by Texas School Book Depository, and sample of brown tape used by Texas School Book Depository were not returned since Chief CURRY stated these were not evidence and had only been sent to the FBI Laboratory for comparison purposes.

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