

Dear Gary,

3/17/94

I thought I had an address for Dr. David Mantik but it turns out I do not. And perhaps I was confused, perhaps it was you who was kind enough to send me copies of some of the HSCA records now available. I've finished going over all but the thick document, a medical panel meeting at the archives. I want if possible to be able to read that without stopping, and I'm a slow reader. So, I'll appreciate it if you will please communicate this to him.

I did find the file quite interesting not the least because it is an unintended indictment of the HSCA and of the competence of its people—very low! There were so many leads in this to follow and they didn't! *ghd to have it, Mantik!*

I use this extra xerox to illustrate that in copying the O'Neill affidavit the bottoms of pages were cut off. I'd appreciate full pages. I found his and Sibert's statements quite interesting and with good leads and information.

And I'm opening the letter I wrote earlier to enclose this. The windchill was too much for me to go out. And I got this ribbon with the red by accident.

In the Kelly-Purdy memo of 8/29/77 on their interview with Jenkins, apropos of what I said earlier, on page six there is this: "He said repeated X-rays were taken by a "...third class x-ray technician."

As I told you long ago, I fear that having not much choice you people have been influenced by those you believe have knowledge whereas their major interest is in promulgating their theories. I then mentioned Lifton. If Mantik's New York appearance was under Livingstone's influence, the same goes for him. Only he has even less knowledge of the official evidence. And I fear that many will hold helping Livingstone against him because the rotten things he has been doing. Really rottener than you can either of you have any way of even guessing. And his interviews not infrequently are both angled and twisted.

One of the more interesting disclosures in these records, while it is of the obvious, that the FBI knew that the ~~28~~ fragments in the head could not have come from 399 and knew that the night of the assassination and makes no reference to this in anything is one of the items that the HSCA should have followed up. Notice that SA Killion in the Lab, from this record, immediately told Sibert of O'Neill that a different kind of bullet had been found.

The ill-wind saying is pertinent. This morning it let me get this done. But I sure miss and feel my greatly reduced walking since about Xmas and with it the limited physical therapy I'm permitted! Again thanks to you both,

*Best,
Kerold*

Research - Autopsy
original drawing
attached

JENKINS
H&A DPK
MEMORANDUM

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TO: Ken Klein
FROM: Jim Kelly and Andy Purdy
DATE: August 29, 1977

RE: Interview with James Curtis Jenkins, 9:30 A.M.
Central Time, August 24, 1977, Room 316, Federal
Building, Jackson, Mississippi.

Mr. Jenkins was interviewed because of his participation in the autopsy of President Kennedy.

Mr. Jenkins currently resides at 210 Flag Chapel Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39209 (home phone: 601/922-6866). (See memo from Colleen Boland to Jacqueline Hess, August 17, 1977)

Mr. Jenkins told Ms. Boland in their phone conversation of August 17 that he was very hesitant to talk over the phone because he had information which was controversial. He indicated to us that will be applying for a Government Insured loan for his graduate medical education. Mr. Jenkins was in the service just over five years (serving between 1960 and 1966). Mr. Jenkins began his service in San Diego in 1960 and then went on to Balboa Hospital. Mr. Jenkins made no mention of any service in an area near Lee Oswald. Mr. Jenkins was present in Bethesda in 1963 attending lab technician school there. At the time of his training, Captain Stover was head of the Medical School, Dr. Humes Chief of the Laboratory

the whole body X-rays are "normal" in legal autopsy. Mr. Jenkins said the only thing he found "impressionable" was that Drs. Humes, Boswell and the Captain of the Honor Guard were "...the only ones not of flag rank."

Mr. Jenkins said he was told subsequent to the autopsy by an admiral not to discuss the autopsy. He said he later learned this man was the Surgeon General.

While Mr. Jenkins recalled no comment regarding the tracheotomy, he said he thought the "...natural assumption was that it was a tracheotomy, because it was a natural procedure." He recalls the doctors' concern about not being able to find any metal fragments. He said repeated X-rays were taken by a "...third class X-ray technician." He remembered that if anyone left the morgue they did so with a Marine escort. He said food was brought in. He said he didn't leave during the autopsy.

Regarding the autopsy descriptive sheet, Mr. Jenkins recalls that he "...put in the chest incisions and tracheotomy." That he doesn't think he drew the back wound. He said it was possible that Dr. Humes added to the sheet. Mr. Jenkins said that five or six years later he