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David Lifton opened the discussion with a review of his findings of two caskets involved between Dallas and Bethesda. In 1981-'82, he obtained pictures of the autopsy, went to Dallas and asked doctors and nurses if the pictures matched what they saw on Nov. 22, 1963. All said, "No, there was a large hole in back of the head."

Robert Groden next on the panel, spoke of the Oliver Stone movie, and how fast the shooting sequence actually was. In January, 1964, the Warren Commission had the autopsy photos, although it said it did not. Instead, it relied upon the Dox drawings to come to its conclusions. The Zapruder film actually led to the formation of the HSCA, making Groden wonder why the Z-film didn't make the Warren Commission look closer at the possibility of conspiracy.

Mr. Groden spoke to Dr. Perry of Parkland Hospital, and the Dr. told him that he did not leave the tracheotomy the way it is shown in photos taken at Bethesda. the Bethesda wound is too big for the tube, and this would've killed a patient. The autopsy report tells of a "missile" being taken out of the body, but that missile has disappeared.

Finally, Mr. Groden spoke of the timing problem of shots fired, the Zapruder film, and the capability of a bolt action rifle to do the shooting according to the frames of the film. He concluded that the 6.5 manlicher carcano could not fire the shots shown on the Zapruder film.

Dr. Cyril Wecht completed the panel's presentation with some random thoughts. He believes that the adrenal glands, and surgical incisions to the chest should be investigated more. He still is amazed that Drs. Humes and Boswell were given the most important autopsy of the century. He added that Dr. Finck knew more and told him,"If I could only tell you....." Dr. Finck went back to Sweden, where he took up permanent residence.

Some closing remarks by the panelists: eighteen doctors and nurses at Parkland saw a head wound in back of the head, but the Warren Commissio ignored this. Frames 335-337 of the Z film shows the back of the head protruding backwards, forming a volcano shape of the occipital area. The Nix film confirms what the Z film shows. Were the Dallas doctors correct? Yes.. Were the Autopsy doctors correct? No.