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J.M.Chaney; JFK's wounds to SM, HR, PH, from HW

Perhaps part of the mystery of the Commission's failure to call Chaney as a witness is cleared up by a tape of his initial comment on what he saw: a bullet hit JFK in the face.

He could be wrong. He could be careless and say the face when he meant the head. But he did say face. It is recorded.

The tape was edited at KLIF, in Dallas, which made a record of it. I have tried without success to get the original tape, before editing. The news director of that period and the period of the record is dead. His successor claims they have no such tapes, which can mean that they were lifted when the record was made. I spoke to Gordon McClendon's secretary, she spoke to him when he came in, and the next day she told me he does not have the tapes. She is sending me the record, which MF has.

Chaney seems to have disappeared. I didn't look for him this trip because nobody knew where he was last time I was in Dallas.

It is possible that this tape is in the Archives. They have and have dubbed an enormous collection of them, to my observation. I've heard nothing of an inventory.

The foregoing has nothing to do with what Chaney learned later, when he returned to the TSED (WW) as Studebaker indicated in his testimony.

HW