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MY THOUGHTS RE PRESIDENT J. F. KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

I am the Chief Consultant for the US Army in wound ballistics at the Edgewood Arsenal and Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland, I have been dealing with high velocity missiles for the Army for the past twenty-five years and I feel that there are no forensic pathologists in this country who have had the experience I have had with this type of missile. The forensic pathologist in civilian life, deals primarily with homicides caused by slow velocity missile

I appeared before the investigating team of the Warren Commission at the VA Building in Washington, D.C. on April 21, 1964. At that time, I reviewed all the X-rays and Zapruder film along with Governor Connaley, his wife and his doctors. At that time, Governor Connaley sat on my right, while reviewing the Zapruder films and he (Governor Connaley) specifically told me, that he d not know that his wrist was injured until he reacted fully from anesthestia and noted a plaster cast on his right hand and forearm- but, in an interview with Life magazine- he goes on to say how his wrist was injured.

I am disturbed as to why I was not asked by the Warren Commission to give fir testimony, even though Doctors Olivier and Dzimean, to whom I serve as their Consultant were called, to give final testimony. I had advised these doctors to conduct certain experiments at Edgewood- which they did- and their finding were not consistent with their testimony.

Dr. Olivier accepts Dr. Gregory's impression of what was the entrance and wha was the exit wounds of Connaley's right wrist, in spite of the fact, that his experiments on ten (10) cadaver wrists proved just the opposite- yet, he is willing to accept the conclusions of Gregory, who has no wound ballistic experience. This is extremely important, as he then tries to fit the yaw and the tumbling effects to coincide with Gregory's interpretations- this is wrong and this is the part of the investigation that has been criticized so bitterly in medical circles. Personally, I strongly believe that the wrist wound is a separate and distinct wound made by one of the shots by Oswald. Also- this bullet is not deformed and yet, the bullets that struck the cadaver wrists are badly deformed, and these same bullets did not go through a neck or through a chest wall. In the experiments on ten cadaver wrists, all the exit wounds are larger than the entrance wounds- this is a known fact- yet, Dr. Olivier chose to accept Gregory's thoughts of Connaley's wound as just the opposite.

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I feel that the first bullet fired by Oswald went through the President's neck and caused him to become paralyzed even though the bullet did not strike the spine. This is due to the fact that you can have an injury to the spinal cord with high velocity missiles without the missiles striking the cord, because of the large temporary cavity produced by high velocity missiles. I can demonstrate amd prove this fact by several films which we have developed at the Edgewood Arsenal. The autopsy should have included a section of the cervical spinal cord, which I am sure would have demonstrated a hemorrhage.

I am convinced that the one bullet theory is wrong, because of the fact, that one bullet striking the President's neck, the Governor's chest and wrist, should be badly deformed, as our experiments at the Edgewood Arsenal proved. There never was a bullet in Governor Connaley's left thigh, but just a small fragment which I feel came from the third bullet which struck J.F.K. in the head. My testimony on the one bullet theory are clearly written in Dr. Thompson's book- "Six Seconds in Dallas" on pages 152 and 206.

I feel that the sequence of the bullets is as follows:

1- The first bullet went through JFK's neck and this is the so-called pristine bullet
2- The second bullet went through Governor Connaley's chest and wrist and the film clearly demonstrates Connaley's wrist against his chest wall. I feel that this is the bullet that is missing
3- The third bullet struck JFK in the head and one fragment of this bullet struck Connaley in the left thigh and also struck the windshield of the car

I feel that Oswald was the sole assassin who fired the three shots.

This is not an unusual deduction with high velocity missiles and we are compounding this investigation because it happens to be the President of the U.S. who was assassinated.

I have waited so long to express my thoughts, because I did not realize that the testimony given by my colleagues at Edgewood, was so different from what we had discussed and proved by experiments at Edgewood.

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- I am in the private practice of General Surgery & trauma and have had a great deal of experience in my private practice with gun shot wounds, also I served 37 years in the U.S. Army and Army reserves and have had wide experience with wounds caused by high velocity missiles.

- I am a retired colonel of the U.S. Army Medical Corps.

- I am a board certified surgeon and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and also, the Army's ballistics expert and I feel that I should be given the opportunity to express my thoughts before a responsible group of people.

- I have been awarded the following decorations for my work in Wound Ballistic
  1- The Distinguished Civilian Service Medal- the Army's highest cividian service award
  2- The Legion of Merit- the Army's fifth highest military award

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