

Suggested interview: David Lifton

David Lifton has spent the past 15 years pursuing a new line of evidence in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. He contends that other investigators have been on the wrong track, looking for the solution to the assassination in all the wrong places. He says that the books, articles, and official reports published over the years which concern conspiracies, escape routes, and the mechanics of the murder itself have diverted us from the true resolution of the case -- a startling conclusion he presents in BEST EVIDENCE, a massive work of investigative journalism that has just been published by Macmillan.

- 1) Mr. Lifton, what is the thesis of BEST EVIDENCE?
- 2) You are saying that the body brought for autopsy at Bethesda was a "medical forgery." What alterations were made?
- 3) What did these surgical alterations accomplish?
- 4) What evidence did you uncover that there was surgery before the official autopsy?
- 5) Let's back up a bit. When the staff at Parkland Hospital in Dallas undertook life-saving measures, what did they do?
- 6) Did they take X-rays and photographs?
- 7) Now, at the Bethesda autopsy, what documentary evidence was made?
- 8) How is it possible that two sets of credible physicians -- in Dallas and at Bethesda -- would contradict each other so dramatically when asked to describe what they had seen?
- 9) It seems incredible that no one but you has pursued this line of reasoning before, examining the various X-rays and photos that were taken. What was the Warren Commission's reaction to this material?
- 10) What about the House Assassinations Committee? Did they examine this evidence?
- 11) You are suggesting a break in the chain of possession of the body of the President between Dallas and Bethesda. How and when are you suggesting the body was "stolen," as you put it?
- 12) You are saying that the body of President Kennedy was returned to Washington aboard Air Force One, but that it was not in the ceremonial coffin in which it was placed in Dallas. What were the circumstances of the body's removal from the plane?
- 13) Where did this "pre-autopsy" autopsy allegedly take place? And who did it?

- 14) How was the altered body returned without detection to Bethesda after the "pre-autopsy"?
- 15) Who are your witnesses to the course of events you describe?
- 16) What was the reaction to their testimony before the Warren Commission and the House Assassinations Committee?
- 17) Why haven't they come forward previously?
- 18) Where does your theory leave Lee Harvey Oswald?