

JFK ASSASSINATION SYSTEM

IDENTIFICATION FORM

AGENCY INFORMATION

AGENCY : HSCA
RECORD NUMBER : 180-10093-10430

BOSWELL
(6 - HEAD WOUND)

RECORDS SERIES :
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DOCUMENT INFORMATION

ORIGINATOR : HSCA
FROM : PURDY, DONALD A. JR. BOG
TO : KELLY, JIM

P2 - BUDDELY INSISTED ON BLYTHE'S + NOT AFCD.

TITLE :

2 - BUDDELY SUPERVISING + COMMANDING EVERYTHING AT A

DATE : 08/17/77
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2 - BOB MCNAMARA LIAISON BET. BARK + FAMILY

SUBJECTS :
BOSWELL, J. THORNTON
KENNEDY, JOHN, AUTOPSY
EVIDENCE, MEDICAL
BETHESDA NAVAL MEDICAL CENTER

4 - BARK REQUESTED THEN ALLOWED COMPLETE AUTOPSY
NO "Y" INCCS CON (CATHY)

5 - BRAIN EXAMINED ON 11-22 + KAC (11-)

DOCUMENT TYPE : MEMORANDUM
CLASSIFICATION : U
RESTRICTIONS : OPEN IN FULL
CURRENT STATUS : 0

9 - ENTRY HOLE (SKULL) ONLY HALF IN EVIDENCE - THE OTHER BEING IN THE FRAG BROUGHT IN

DATE OF LAST REVIEW : 05/07/93

10 - X-RAYS PROVED HBF'S ACCOUNT?
11 - KADENAI - ASSISTED AUTOPSY + ALSO BOB
11 - THOUGHT PHOTO TAKEN OF LUNGS

OPENING CRITERIA :

THROAT : 3) MD'S THOUGHT IT WAS A WOUND (THROAT WOUND - BULLET

COMMENTS :

Box 46.

4?? WE HAD GOTTEN OURSELVES IN DUTCH WRT NECK THROAT WOUNDS = SECRET SERVICE?

8 - B REMEMBER BEING PART OF A PERIMETER ON A BULLET WOUND IN NECK PROSECUTORS ASSUMED NECK WOUND WAS EXIT WOUND (JFK ACT)

RELEASED: NARA (C) DATE 11/19/93

12 - BUDDELY DID NOT MENTION THAT THERE HAD BEEN A TRACHEOSTOMY -
SEE P 12.

ique from Dallas. BOSWELL indicated that he was the first one contacted (HUMES was on vacation at the time). BOSWELL then contacted the command officer of the medical school and hospital. BOSWELL said he told BRUCE SMITH that it was "ridiculous to do the post here." He said that he was told that DR. BURKLEY had insisted that the President be brought there. BOSWELL felt the post-mortem should have been done at DFIP.

DR. BOSWELL had been concerned that they began the autopsy without any written authorization which is something they never do. Such authorization has to come from the next of kin. He said that JACKIE finally signed an authorization which arrived in the morgue near the end of the autopsy. He indicated that DR. BURKLEY was basically supervising everything that went on in the autopsy room and that the commanding officer was also responding to BURKLEY's wishes. He indicated that ROBERT MCNAMARA seemed to have acted as liaison between the family and DR. BURKLEY, and that MCNAMARA kept his head throughout. He implied that MCNAMARA was never actually in the autopsy room but was working out of the room where the family was staying. DR. BOSWELL indicated that he was notified in the early afternoon of his forthcoming role in the autopsy.

Later that afternoon he went to do some "moonlighting" at Suburban Hospital and was called back approximately 6:00. He said the autopsy began around 8:00 p.m. He said the President's body was removed from the casket. There were a pillowcase and sheets around the head area. Regarding those sheets, DR. BOSWELL

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