Notes - Roffman

performance of the examination of the late President" are not here - or anywhere else.

The Archivist of the United States, the custodian of the most precious documents in our national heritage, kept busy writing lies to me and arguing. Instead, he should have been searching the files and demanding those he did not have from those who did, which is his official responsibility. I decided to do what had not been done: compare this lie, earlier written to me, that these are all the notes and those to the holding of which Humes swore, with the finished report itself, to see if it has descriptions or measurements not in this autopsy descriptive sheet. To assure true impartiality, I asked Howard Roffman, a brilliant young student, then in high school and then writing his own book on this assassination, to make this comparison for me. He found, as I was confident had to be the case, what is required for even a lousy pretense of medico-legal science such as this, much more than is noted on this single sheet. (The second side holds only four brief notations and five measurements, all related to the head only.)

From my own checking in 1964, I knew the autopsy report held facts not contained anywhere in any of the published evidence. As soon as the 26 volumes became available, my wife and I had made a word-by-word comparison of the 15 pages of holograph with the typed autopsy report and had found substantive changes, some to diametric opposites. So, I knew in advance what Howard's study would show. What surprised me is the extent, much greater even than I had expected.

What I asked of Howard was much work. He compared everything available: the two versions of the autopsy report; the notes printed in CE397, said to be all the notes, whereas none are properly described as notes and none meet Finck's New Orleans descriptions of those all the doctors made; and the reports of the two panels made public by the Department of Justice so long after they were completed and when the government was in distress. These two panels, of course, conducted their studies long after the Report was issued and from the existing evidence only. The 1968 panel report includes an inventory of what it examined. Both panels are silent on the contradictions and omissions. This silence is a remarkable self-exposure and a self-condemnation, an attack on the integrity of both panels and of the Department of Justice no writer, no passionate language, can approximate.

Howard's factual listing is 15 single-spaced typewritten pages. To make this study and comparison, he isolated every single statement of fact in the typed autopsy report. He then sought for each fact or even an approximation of it in each of the other sources, the so-called notes. This leaning-over-backwards is an effort to be as fair as possible by including all that any carping critic might later complain should have been. However, it is obvious, with only these so-called notes as sources, unless some notes had been destroyed at some point, there could have been no other sources for the holograph than there were for its typed version and no other sources for the two much-later panels to draw upon.

Howard's study shows a statement of a total of 88 facts. Of these, only 24 are in the "notes". Sixty-four statements of facts in the autopsy report are not in any of these "notes"!

Because this is the autopsy of a President, because the credibility of the official Report on his assassination, that of all the Commission and its staff, the Department of Justice, all those medico-legal eminences and, indeed, of the military, too, hangs on this alone, let me express these shocking figures in two other ways.

Of the "facts" stated in the autopsy report, almost three out of four have no existing source. The percentage is just under 73 - 72.7 percent.

Or, putting it the other way, of what is represented as fact in this autopsy report, only one in four exists in any existing written source!

It can, of course, be argued that some of the doctors might have

remembered, such as the color of the President's eyes and hair. This cannot be true in most cases, for of these unrecorded 64 facts, 59 include or are solely of physical characteristics. Most of these are of parts of the body and their condition. Often they relate to the bullet wounds.

And of these, the startling number of 15 involve numbers and figures. These are essentials it just cannot be believed the doctors carried in their heads. Many of these are of measurements referring directly to the wounds - their size, their distances from other parts of the body.

This is complex data, often of minute measurements, and those had to have been the most emotional days in the lives of all the doctors. They simply could not have carried all this in their heads.

And more incredible still, a third of this number is of cases where figures are used that conflict with the final autopsy report! These range from what Howard, more tolerant than I, regards as possible "minor misquoting" - I regard no error in this autopsy as tolerable - to the size of the missing piece of scalp. The figure of the report, 13 cm, exists nowhere in any notes and actually appears to be in contradiction to what is recorded in them.

This is but a brief summary of the great labor Howard undertook for me, countless hours of detailed work.

No matter how generously one regards it, no matter how much apologists may prefer to discount, I do not believe that reasonable men can conceive that three-quarters of the fact of anything as complicated as the autopsy performed on a human body, especially that of a President, can possibly have been reported except from written notes.

They no longer exist.

The destruction of such records of any murder, particularly the assassination of a President, and false swearing about it or them, are criminal. When the government that has to be the prosecutor and alone can make the charges is itself criminally responsible, neither charging nor prosecution is likely. However, I have repeatedly invited those I accuse to file charges against me and seek a judicial determination of fact. None has - or will.

"(C)" is relatively innocuous - that is, compared with the foregoing only. It is sufficiently serious to deceive in this affair. It is undoubtedly true that, as Humes certified, he had turned in to Captain J. H. Stover everything he had not already destroyed. Stover's countersigning means no more than that Humes had done this. It does not mean that neither he nor his command nor the Navy then had no other records. Somebody had the missing X-rays. Again, this is not identical with what is "on Page 47, Volume XVII" of the Hearings. There is no deviation. "(D)" is identically misrepresented as exactly what is "on Page 48".

Whoever cooked up this deliberate deceit sought to hide behind the use of "portrayed". That is a semantic "Emperor's clothes" for there is a vital difference, a difference not simply that Humes and the Commission had Xeroxes, whereas what I had finally forced out of suppression in secret files are the originals.

The difference is what was added, by Admiral Burkley, by hand, to each.*

The Warren Report and Burkley's notations cannot coexist. It is impossible.

Thus, this Commission, all of whose members were lawyers, including the Chief Justice, and its competent, large legal staff, dominated and headed by the former Solicitor General of the United States, the government's lawyer, went out of their way to accept what should not be accepted in the most blighted backland jerkwater court: second-hand evidence when the originals were available, were known to be available, and could have been obtained for a phone call.

*See p. 262.

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Aguilar & Mantik:

Neither HSCA nor ARRB knew what the actual medical evidence is or its meaning. They also could not learn that from the official ~~autopsy~~ autopsy. or the report on it. They were not familiar with what the discloded medical evidence that was real, and is not in the proctocol or documents and related documents and evidence. ~~that, in order to do the work on which they set out they needed to know when instead of heeding my cautions they both broke off from me and also a friend of mine,~~ Hal Verb, who gave ~~him~~ his own and different cautions. ~~In fact,~~ and it is worth repeating, when Aguilar ~~first spoke to him after a very long silence he asked Hal if he was still working for the FBI.~~ Hal is ~~one of the very first~~ critics.

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In a badly written and
poorly argued book, *Case Open: The Unan-*
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Case Open is one of about 30 books Luker claims do not exist. Another I did not expect to be published commercially later did appear. It is NEVER AGAIN! Counsel for a small publisher who published what I detested, a man who long had been a friend, asked to read them when he heard of them.

The foreword to the first of the Whitewash series reports more than enough of the refusal of any book publisher to publish any book on the JFK assassination unless it endorsed the government's fiction. The official investigations were all fakes, with the decision to blame it all on Oswald reached as commenced as soon as he was killed and it was known ~~that~~ there would be no trial at which the childishly incompetent official story was concocted. I have the relevant Justice, FBI, Secret Service and White House tape ~~relevant~~ records, as I also do of the official decision to blame it all on the allegedly unassisted Oswald. The publisher omitted them from NEVER AGAIN! and I have never used any of those records merely for sensation. However, if you want them, just ask and I'll get someone to do the copying, which is not much for me now. I know better that to ask if you'd like an article that would use them in facsimile in "The Journal of American History. This grim and deeply subeversive truth that is the guts of out histpry you and others would prefer Hi not be recorded, not known, forgotten.)

In the wake of my heart success operation of 1989 I began to fail physically. I had been limited to lifting no more than 15 pounds. It become increasingly dangerous for me to use stairs, and with my much of my own work added to the third of a million pages obtained by all those FOIA lawsuits, the only space in our home for all that