

ACTION 2 APPROVED
P2 - ALLIED POLICE ROOM FOR XRAY ST PHOTO'S

- A LARGE SKULL WOUND IN UPPER BACK OF THE HEAD
- P2 - SKULL BONE MISSING.
- P4 - NO 3RD FIRST THOUGHT THERE D BEEN CURVE OF HEAD
- P4 - DETERMINED NOT TO BE CORRECT
- P4 - POSWELL ACCURATE CE 585-386 ACCURATE AS WELL

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AFFIDAVIT

→ PROFILE VIEW BACK
 → AT BOAT "IN" TO OUT
 → BACK OF HEAD DIAGRAM W/C
 (NOT POSWELL'S) - SHOW SKULL FOR

I, James W. Sibert, a resident of Cape Coral, Florida, being duly sworn make oath as follows:

I was interviewed on August 25, 1977 at the Sheraton Motor Inn in Ft. Meyer, Florida by James Kelly and Donald A. Purdy, Jr. of the staff of the Select Committee on Assassinations. During the interview I set forth the substance of the information which follows.

At this time I reaffirm that this information is accurate and truthful to the best of my knowledge.

This statement is made freely, voluntarily, and without threats, promises, assurances, or remuneration from any sources.

I was assigned to the Baltimore FBI office at the time of the assassination; therefore, Bethesda Naval Hospital was within my jurisdiction. Specifically, the jurisdiction of the FBI was involved because there were civilian personnel on a military base; this automatically puts agents on station. Mr. O'Neill and I arrived at the Naval Hospital before receiving formal word from the bureau. Ed Tully was the agent in charge who gave us instructions. Specifically, we were instructed to: 1) get in the motorcade, 2) witness the autopsy and stay with the body, 3) preserve the chain of custody and take any bullets to the FBI Laboratory.

When the motorcade from the airport arrived at the Naval Hospital Bobby Kennedy and Mrs. Kennedy were let off at the administration building. Mr. O'Neill and I helped carry the

I recall the doctors looking for a bullet in the body and becoming frustrated during their search. They probed the wound with a finger and Dr. Finck probed it with a metal probe. The doctors concluded it only went so far and they couldn't find it.

I recall some discussion regarding the X-Ray of the femur. There was talk about consultation with Mrs. Kennedy before going ahead with it. I believe there were a couple of liaison people to Mrs. Kennedy present.

The head wound was in the upper back of the head. A large portion of the piece of the missing bone section came in somewhat later.

I recall the X-Rays of the head being shown in the room. The head X-Ray had many flecks like the Milky Way; part of the bullet had fragmentized or disintegrated. A lot of the metal fragments were tiny and those that were removed from the body were put in a little jar with a black top. Before they left the morgue we signed a receipt for the metal fragments. Regarding the receipt for the "missile" I do not recall how the receipt described the fragments. The receipt certainly was not for a whole missile, rather it was for "...some fragments." The receipt was prepared by someone else and typed up by a naval corpsman. If I had prepared the receipt I would have listed the items as metal fragments. A single "missile" to me means quite a bit of substance, more of a whole bullet. In reference to the fact that one of my reports says a copy of the receipt for the missile is attached, it is possible the Baltimore

through the body caused by striking bone. I thought this might have accounted for the extensive fragmentation. The phone call came after the probing. It was my impression that Finck and Humes agreed that there was no exit wound of the bullet through the back.

The photographs and X-Rays were collected by the Secret Service; neither O'Neill nor I handled them. Neither O'Neill nor I touched the photographs. Regarding the listing of those materials in my report, Humes told us the number of X-Rays and photographs; we had no independent verification, we didn't count them. We merely took notes during the autopsy and checked those notes when we made up the draft of our report. O'Neill and I had typical agent notebooks which we wrote in. I recall getting the measurements of the back wound and the skull bone but have no recollection of writing down the location of the entrance wound in the President's head. I was present when the bone piece was brought in which had been found in the limousine. It was X-Rayed and the doctors determined it had evidence of metal particles.

I examined the autopsy descriptive sheet found in the Warren Report; it was prepared by Dr. Boswell. The drawing is pretty accurate as to what we described. The general location of the wounds looks accurate. CE385 and CE 386 which I examined during the interview on August 22, 1977 looked accurate as well.

On reflection I believe Humes is the one who measured the back wound and I personally wrote it down. I never retained any