Subj: Thornburn's Position
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Tony,

This is from an earlier post I worte:

1. JFK was not exhiting a "Thorburn response." He was exhiting an immediate response to the bullet passing through the base of his right neck. It sort of looks like a Thorburn's position, but it is not a truly what Thorburn was describing, which is a much delayed reaction (days to months) following a low cervical cord transection.

2. JFK's reaction to the neck wound was, for all intents and purposes, instantaneous to the hit at Z-223/224. As the bullet passed through his neck, the pressure cavity caused an immediate and wide spread stimulation of all the nerves in the immediate vicinity, that is of the brachial plexus, the large groups of nerves that emerge from C5 - T1. These are the nerves that supply motor function to the arms.