## THE LINGERING SHADOW **Probers' Compassion Proved to Be Mistake**

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which could have been compassion. made part of the record, did make a mistake. It had There was some evidence

F. Kennedy. autopsy of President John photographs taken at the but was not: X-rays and

hibits. to publish them — as it did sion may have been bound sion exhibits, the commiswith other non-secret exbeen introduced as commis-Had these photographs

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could be placed under lock nation, there were those who felt this was unnecessurgeons would now be sufsworn testimony of autopsy sary, that the evidence mosphere after the assassithe future and that the and key for historians of IN THE HEARTSICK at

wound.

ficient.

finding suspect or tar own meanings from these old Weisberg - drew their notably Mark Lane, nished. things to make the autopsy ward Jay Epstein and Har-THE CRITICS - most Ed-

time of the critics? Who be painted with suspicion? commission findings would could have anticipated the oned there would be the There were other acts But who could have reck-

and incidents which the focus. They did. emphasize and place out of critics could seize upon and

back,

inches below the

book.

neck" Lane says in his

patible with a bullet pass-ing through the President's

on an autopsy sketch representing a bullet entry; there who made an inexact dot There was a pathologist (Eighth in a Series)

were two FBI agents who

a corroborating detail of evidence out of the autopsy three pathologists who left whole story; there were the gists without knowing the conversation of patholoreport. reported the speculative

scribing the President's make clear that doctors were speculating in derial Hospital who failed to ers at a Parkland Memoautopsy in his fireplace; who burned a draft of the there were harried report-There was a pathologist

throat wound as an entry

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conclusively that Kennedy was struck by two bullets. his skull. It was fatal. One went through his neck he would have survived. It was a wound doctors say The second bullet struck The autopsy report states

of the collar and 1% inches

" $5^{3}_{4}$  inches below the top

the back of the shirt." to the right of the middle of

"That evidence is com-

the top of the collar and  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inches to the right of the center back seam of the

If not, the single bullet theory collapses. And so does the Warren Report Oswald alone fired the bulconclusion that Lee Harvey President's neck and went lets. on to wound Gov. Connally. bullet went through the tral to the single bullet theory. This theory is that a These findings are cen-

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has been clever — and of parts of testimony and of destruction by selection some absurd. Warren Report. Some of it parts of evidence from the constructed their machine THE CRITICS HAVE

that there was a hole in the jacket "5% inches below Weisberg challenges the Warren Report evidence Neither Lane, Epstein nor suit jacket and shirt? the holes in the President's surd than the way they see What could be more ab-

the eyes of Lane, Epstein and Weisberg, it might seem that the bullet which were omitted from cise. dence," he says. He got them from the National Archives. But other picvolumes of supporting evi-Warren Report and the 26 grown man with reasonably base of the neck. But put a made them could not have the testimony is quite preic, are in the evidence, and tures, not nearly as dramatjacket and shirt on any hit the President in the Seeing the holes through

chalk. the top of the collar and a bit to the right of the seam, have him raise his right spot with a pencil point or dent's was, and mark the arm slightly as the Presitouch the body? The base of the neck. Where does this

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versy. Who would have graphs - which would autopsy X-rays and photoautopsy report. But the dewounds is described in the TION of the President's known three years ago that tributed to today's controshow those wounds --- concision not to introduce the And who made the deci-THE PRECISE LOCA-

the hole a few inches by de-

WEISBERG LOWERS

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sion?

**publishes** photographs

Epstein,

in his book

which show the garments on a hanger. The holes can

be seen clearly.

"These photographs . . . "These photographs . . .

collar. Not in the neck." He scribing it in his book as

drops the key words "top "six inches down from the

of this report have gleaned sions, both of which writers mission staff: from members of the com-There are two major ver

one. nedy, Caroline and John-John, he decided it would testify as to details," said autopsy pathologists could evidence was not absolute-ly necessary because the mined informally that this be awful if they were introly, especially to Mrs. Kensensitive man. Out of defer-ence to the Kennedy famision is a very humane and chairman of the commis-Earl Warren, who was duced as evidence and then published. He first deter-1-"The Chief Justice

of the staff who out of trial 2---"There were members

measure 5% inches below

well-developed shoulders

experience felt that the X-rays and photos were vital documents in presenting evidence. There was a feeling that the chief justice recognized the value of this evidence but that the decision to keep them under seal came from Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, who was then the attorney general. It was

Bobby's decision," said another.

Neither the chief justice nor the senator will comment about this or any other aspect of the report. The only thing Sen. Kennedy has said publicly was a

statement he made in Poland that he was satisfied that Oswald was the assas sin.

Next: Joseph A. Ball of Long Beach says X-rays should have been introduced in evidence.