

The lie that Dr. James "re-examined" the so-called autopsy pictures - which cannot be proved to be those of the actual autopsy - did not originate with CBS, which knew it was lying. When the government first made announcement of the return of these pictures and X-rays, it said the doctors "authenticated" them. This they could not do, for they had never seen the pictures. The best they could do is say that after the long lapse of time, the pictures they were shown remind them of what they think they recall of their observation of the President's body.

It must be born in mind that, in addition to the other possibilities, during the testing and experiments conducted for the Commission, human cadavers were used.

Note that the reply indicates the autopsy notes are still not in the archive, where they are required to be.

July 1, 1967

Dr. Robert H. Bahmer
Archivist of the United States
The National Archives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Bahmer:

Numerous public reports are consistent in saying that Dr. James Humes has "re-examined" the alleged pictures and X-rays of the autopsy of President John F. Kennedy.

It is undisguised that Dr. Humes was granted an opportunity for a commercial purpose, his appearance on a commercially-sponsored commercial TV show of a non-scholarly character.

Aside from the other dubious aspects of this procedure, it is a violation of the so-called guidelines established for the non-examination of this material when it was returned to government possession. I have already contested the legality of the entire procedure. I now add that granting Dr. Humes and the Columbia Broadcasting System, as whose agent he acted, the right to examine this material establishes a precedent.

Accordingly, I renew my demand for access to this file.

It cannot possibly be argued that Dr. Humes was given access to this file because he is part of an official government investigation or because he enjoys status as a government investigator because a) there is no such properly constituted federal investigation and b) the strictly commercial and propaganda functions he served are obvious and are not scholarly.

Thus, in two respects, the so-called guidelines have been nullified. Accordingly, I do not see how you can properly accord me less than equality of treatment.

I also renew my demand for access to the autopsy notes that you have previously informed me are not in your custody. Their presence in your custody is required by the order of the Attorney General of October 31, 1966. If they have not been placed in your custody since then, they have been destroyed or the federal government is guilty of violating its own regulations or both. These notes had been duplicated, in any event, and not less than a Xeroxed copy must be in your care. I call to your attention Dr. Humes's own testimony as proof of "consideration" by the Commission.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION



National Archives and Records Service
Washington, D.C. 20408

July 6, 1967

IN REPLY REFER TO:

Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Hyattstown, Maryland 20734

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Dr. James Humes examined the photographs and x-rays of the autopsy of President John F. Kennedy shortly after they were delivered to the custody of the National Archives and Records Service for the sole purpose of assisting the Government in their identification and authentication. Neither the Columbia Broadcasting System or any of its agents has examined these materials. The access conditions under which we accepted these materials have in no sense been violated.

You have already been shown all drafts and notes relating to the autopsy report that are in our custody.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert H. Bahmer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R".

Robert H. Bahmer
Archivist of the United States

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