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Harold:

I have a couple of matters to mention. I am badly pressed for time, and did not pursue either matter beyond what is mentioned here, so do not by any means regard this as a complete report. I want to get this off while I have time.

Cartridge Cases: 24 H 264, at the end of Hoover's 23 Nov letter to Curry says CEs 543 and 544 are being returned to Dallas (these are Q6 and Q7 in FBI lingo). It was my understanding before reading this that those two cases were retained by FBI (the other case, CE 545, was sent from Dallas later) for examination. In the letter Hoover mentions that CE 399 was examined and connected with the rifle. He mentions no examination of the Cartridge cases, which seems strange.

This matter may not be too important, and requires further study, so don't make much of it yet.

Location of anterior neck wound: I have found a reference that places this wound above the level of JFK's shirt. At 3 H 377 Dr Perry says clothes had been removed when he first saw JFK. It was Dr Carrico and nurses who saw JFK with shirt on:

McCloy: When the President was brought, when you first saw the President, was he fully clothed, or did you cut the clothing away?

Perry: Not at the time I saw him. Dr Carrico and the nurses were all in attendance, they had removed his coat and his shirt, ~~XX~~ ~~while we were~~ which is standard procedure, while we were proceeding about the examination, for them to do so.

Here is what Carrico says at 3 H 361f.:

Carrico: There was a small wound, 5- to 8-mm. in size, located in the lower third of the neck, below the thyroid cartilage, the Adams apple.

Dulles: Will you show us about where it was?

Carrico: Just about where your tie would be.

Dulles: ^{...} I see. And you put your hand right above where the tie is?

Carrico: Yes, sir; just where the tie--

The only nurse that I know of who testified that she saw the wound is Nurse Henchcliffe (she talks in 6 H 141 about this wound, but I have to go to our library and see her testimony, so perhaps you can check it yourself).

When possible, I'll go over all testimony related to the anterior neck wound; there may be more pearls like this one.

Must now stop.

Happiness is a Dulles gaff. This now put "them" on the spot to explain the slits in the shirt front.

Still,

Dick

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cc. Schoener