

THE PRESIDENT'S WOUND

The number of shots - The alleged autopsy

Dr. Humes' carefully edited and re-edited alleged autopsy describes as the fatal wound the head injury. On p.540 of the report, under MISSILE WOUNDS, his description begins "There is a large irregular defect of the scalp and skull on the right (my emphasis) involving chiefly ... "

The examination of the fraudulent artwork at the Naval Hospital (16 H 977, Exhibit 385 and 386) shows how clearly on the right the Naval Hospital represents this head wound (Exhibit 386) and how inexplicably they avoid a side view of it (Exhibit 385).

Exhibit 385 purports to be a diagram of the path of the bullet that caused the wound in the front of the neck. I have already shown through the original of the autopsy report that the point of entrance of this wound is fraudulently misrepresented. However, Exhibit 385 shows the President's head intact from below his ear and his hairline. It is impossible to conceive of any artistic consideration compelling such an omission. Exhibit 385 shows no injury to the President's head. Exhibit 386 shows all the injuries to the President's head on the right side and none of it on the left side. There is no front view of the President in any of this so-called scientific schematic representation.

However, Dr. Robert McClelland, in his official statement dated 4:45 p.m. November 22, 1963, appearing in the report on pp.526-7, makes a statement that cannot possibly be explained in terms of failure to lift the President or in conjecture about what the tracheotomy did or did not do or hypotheses about things the attending physicians might not have seen or what their intense preoccupation with saving the President's life might have ~~blinded~~ blinded them to.

Next to the last sentence of Dr. McClelland's report reads, "death was due to massive head and brain injury from a gunshot wound of the left temple."

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This can be nothing but another entrance wound. The Commission itself and its entire medical testimony establishes the large area of the President's head that was missing as a consequence of the exit of a bullet that entered elsewhere, the Commission says in the back of the President's head. In so establishing the nature of the massive injury, incontrovertibly as a consequence of exit, the Commission destroys the possibility of the left temple wound being one of exit, too.

Exhibit 385 shows only the right side of the President's head. There is nothing to show the left side of the President.

Again we have another reason for the total suppression of the official autopsy photographs.

As of this moment, I have not yet analyzed the testimony or deposition of Dr. McClelland before the Commission. I will do so in a separate memorandum.