

under PATH
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Dear Dick,

Last night I did read Long and it is fine and helpful. I am writing to ask if you can get me the other relevant parts, if not too much trouble, and to ask some questions and make some comments about the parts you did not mark.

229- a kind of justification of Humes, Boswell: "Such spent bullets may frequently be palpated at the end of their track just under the skin..."

Same page: "When a high velocity projectile passes through the tissues, the injury produced usually extends for a considerable distance radial to the path of the missile and its pattern, depending on the tissue involved..." Does this not say there had to be more than a simple track for the alleged path and history of 399 and that is had to have been known to competent men? Is there any but the normal meaning to "Radial" here?

230: This is something I'd suspected and wanted evidence on: "If it penetrates at an acute angle, the zone of abrasion is usually wider on the side from which the missile comes, characteristics which are sometimes helpful in determining the probable direction on the track." This makes more culpable the absence of any mention in the autopsy and the indefiniteness of the supp report on this, where all but the fact of abrasion is ignored. If it was regular, the bullet could not have come from an angle, for example.

Same page, on Connolly and the description of his back wound: "Sometimes a bullet may strike an object and tumble, hitting the body side on, in which case an elongated entrance wound like a keyhole (my emph) will be produced".

Page 234- helpful to me because it is proof of what I'd decalred without knowledge of the tech. lit. (Necropsy Procedure), on the points of reference and purposes of chart. The second par, is important on the obligations of the surgeons and their failures, enough to exculpate in court, I believe.

Page 255 Important on investigative responsibilities and limitations of autopsies.

Page 239: jacketed bullets - great- exactly what you'd said.

What you sent deals largely with pistol bullets. It contain references to other sections. Would they be helpful? (234, for exsmple)

Many thanks.

Think, when I've enough energy, I'll do an article on first suit to be filed, King/Ray. Little else new. Just do not get to write, too many other things having to be done. Approached CBS. Interest on producer level (personal, not net) and awaiting word. There is developing considerable interest in the Panther murders, Wash Post, for example, printing what it originally suppressed and special articles. But fear not, Hoover will again be investigating Hoover!

Best,