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Local radiologist says X-rays pr



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Dr. Randolph Robertson, a Nashville radiologist, has examined President Kennedy's X-rays and now argues there was more than one assassin.

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On the 32nd anniversary of John F. Kennedy's assassination, a Nashville doctor who has studied post-shooting X-rays of the president's head is convinced one of JFK's killers is still walking

Dr. Randolph H. "Randy" Robertson says X-rays and films clearly show the first bullet hit Kennedy from behind and was fired from the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository. It slammed the president's head forward.

But then a second shot, fired within six-hundredths of a second of the first, appeared to come ! from the area of the "grassy

K shot from front

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knoll" and hit Kennedy in the front of the head, he says.

This shot, he adds, blew out a large piece of the president's skull. This piece landed on the trunk of the presidential limousine and was retrieved by Jacqueline Kennedy, he says.

Secret Service agents recovered this piece from the vehicle, but Robertson contends government doctors failed to fit it properly into the puzzle.

Lee Harvey Oswald was identified after a lengthy government probe as the man who fired the shot from the book depository. But the existence and identity of

the grassy knoll shooter, if any, has been the subject of wild speculation ever since the Nov. 22, 1963, assassination...

Robertson is convinced the government has engaged in a

"They didn't know if there was an international conspiracy then, or what," the 39-year-old University of Illinois graduate says. "They just figured they'd keep it under wraps for now and sort it out later. Then there were a lot of initiatives for them not to do

Robertson, who has a private practice and works at Southern Hills Medical Center, hopes to

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publish his findings in a medical Continued from page A1 ournal.

in 1991. ident was killed in Dallas. His inléase of Oliver Stone's film, JFK, terest was renewed with the re-Robertson was 7 when the pres-

the first radiologist in private Burke Marshall told him he was practice to obtain such access. Permission was granted, and Rob-ertson says Kennedy lawyer ney for permission to look at the plied to the Kennedy family attoriles in the National The radiologist formally ap-Archives.

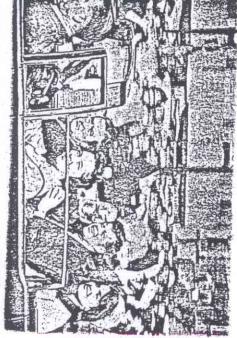
stricted access to autopsy photos, dent's family has severely re-X-rays and other records. Robertson began his research Over the years, the slain presi-

Nellie, through the streets of Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

in earnest three years ago.

claims that conclusion ignores the evidence. was involved, but els have insisted only one assassin Three government review pan-Robertson

"The X-rays show otherwise,"



rides with his wife, Jacqueline, and Texas Gov. John Connally and his wife, Moments before he was shot and killed, President John F. Kennedy KNIGHT-RIDDER TRIBUNE

Iront. from behind and once from the was shot twice in the head - once the doctor says. "They show he

sine and was recovered by Jacpiece of skull, which was displaced onto the trunk of the limou-"The second shot removed a

> inches - was brought to the autopsy room and X-rayed. It was determined to be a portion of an approximately 4 inches by 21/2 queline. That piece

head," exit wound.
"It came off the top rear of his Robertson continues.

> not come out until the backward and then backward. This piece did "There is some motion forward

and the other in back. in the front of Kennedy's head; there are two exit wounds" - one graphically and photographically, in the top rear of the head. Radio-"The only place it could fit was

a gunman in front of the president as well as behind him." it wounds confirm that "there was Robertson contends the two ex-

they were when they heard the cans to remember exactly where years ago and caused most Amerination that stunned this nation 32 men were involved in the assassisupport his theory that two gunfateful news. The wounds and the trajectory

to confirm his findings. with other specialists and experts Robertson says he is working

wald acted alone. extensive investigation that Osassassination, concluded after an pointed by President Lyndon Johnson to investigate Kennedy's The Warren Commission, ap-