

Excerpts Given From File By FBI On Autopsy Data

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room of the Parkland Memorial Hospital, Dallas.

This stretcher had also contained a stethoscope and pair of rubber gloves. Agent Johnson had advised the Laboratory that it had not been ascertained whether or not this was the stretcher which had been used to transport the body of President Kennedy. Agent Killion further described this bullet as pertaining to a 8.5 mm rifle which would be approximately a .25-caliber rifle and that this bullet consisted of a copper alloy full jacket.

Immediately following receipt of this information this was made available to Dr. Humes who advised that in his opinion this accounted for no bullet being located which had entered the back region and that since external heart massage had been performed at Parkland Hospital, it was entirely possible that through such movement the bullet had worked its way out of the point of entry and had fallen on the stretcher.

Also, during the latter stages of the autopsy, a piece of the skull measuring 10 by 6.5 centimeters was brought to Dr. Humes who

was instructed that this had been removed from the President's skull. Immediately this section of the skull was X-rayed at which time it was determined by Dr. Humes that one corner of the section revealed minute metal particles and an inspection of this same area disclosed a chipping of the top portion of this piece, both of which indicated that this had been the point of exit of the bullet entering the skull region.

On the basis of the latter two developments, Dr. Humes stated that the pattern was clear that the one bullet had entered the President's back and had worked its way out of the body during external cardiac massage and that a second high velocity bullet had entered the rear of the skull and had fragmented prior to exit through the top of the skull.

He further pointed out that X-rays had disclosed numerous fractures in the cranial area which he attributed to the force generated by the impact of the bullet in its passage through the brain area. He attributed the death of the President to a gunshot wound in the head.