APPIDAVIT OF DR. J. T. FRANCISCO

Now comes the affiant, after first being duly sworn and says as follows:

TO SERVICE AND THE SERVICE AND

That he is Dr. J. T. Francisco and resides and is domiciled at 1196 Yorkshire, Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee, United States of America: that he is employed by the University of Tennessee as a pathologist and by Shelby County, Tennessee, as Medical Examiner for Shelby County, Tennessee; that he is a duly licensed and practicing physician of the State of Tennessee and holds a Doctor of Medicine Degree from the University of Tennessee and has practiced medicine for thirteen years and has served as medical examiner for Shelby County, Tennessee, for seven years. That as part of his duties as medical examiner, he examines all violent, unusual, or unnatural deaths that occur within the County of Shelby, State of Tennessee, for purposes of discovering the cause of death and recommending autopsies upon such deaths investigated if he deems it necessary. During his seven years as medical examiner, affiant has examined approximately nine thousand bodies and performed approximately three thousand autopsies. Affiant is further certified by the American Board of Pathology in Anatomic, Clinical and Forensic Pathology. That affiant is forensic pathology consultant to the Chief Medical Examiner of the State of Tonnessec. That on April 4, 1968, acting pursuant to his acties as med cal examiner of Shelby County, Tennessee, and under order from the Edstrict Attorney General for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit consisting of Shelby County, Tennessee, said District A torney General being Phil M. Canale, Jr., and with the consent of Corretta Scott King, the widow of Dr. Martin Luther King. Jr., affiant performed an autopsy on the body of Dr. Marria Luther King, Ar., starting of approximately 2040 hours at the norque of the University of Tennesson and John haston dermit? ind too in the Institute of Parholent on the Enteremaite of "... nessee, 858 adison Avenue, Momphis, Shelly County, "con. sec-

That during the examination and autopsy, affiant removed/fi beneath the skin in the region of the left scapula 56 inches superior to the right heel and 3 inches to the left of the midline of the spine, this being the termination point of a bullet that entered the right chin, passing through the chin and neck. That after removing the bullet, affiant physically marked the bullet by scratching the Autopsy No. 252 on the base thereof, and placed the same in plastic and enclosed the same in a Manila envelope, marking thereon and gave the same into the custedy and sethering a written receipt from Lt. J. D. Hamby of the Monthis, Tounessee, Police Department. In accordance with the laws of the State of Tennessee, affiant did reduce the findings from the autopsy he performed upon the body of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to writing in the form of an -autopsy report bearing Case No. A68-252, did sign same under date of April 11, 1968, and filed said autopsy report with the Shelby County Medical Examiner, District Attorney General of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit comprised by Shelby County, Tennessee, and with Chief Medical Examiner for the State of Tennessee. Affiant has examined a copy of the aforesaid autopsy report, which is attached and marked exhibit hereto. a certified and authenticated copy of which appears, is attached and is made by reference a part of the Governor's application for requisition, and certifies that it truely and accurately represents his findings in the autopsy of the body of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and further certifies that it is a true and correct copy of the autopsy report filed with the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for the State of Tennessee, Cordell Hull Office Building, Division of Post Mortem Examination, Office of Chief Medical Examiner, Nashville, Tennessee. That affiant has examined Certificate of Death, Tennessee Department of Public Health, Division of Vital Statistics, bearing File No. 2066, being a copy of the Certificate of Pourh on

. Martin Luther King, Jr., sum Jajag strached and marked exhibit hereto, a certified and mathematicated copy of which appears, is attached and is made by reference a part of the Governor's application for requisition, and does certify that it represents a true and correct opposed the original Corrificase of beath as Dr. Martin Suther King, Jr., signed by af-PORTER OF THE PROPERTY OF THE The state of the s port and pint, identified to affiant as being a drawing of the crime scene, said document bearing the notation in the lower right hand commer, Prepared by Arthur C. Helbrook, Memphis, Tennessee, April 23, 1968, Tenn. Cert. No. 5173, copy of said drawing being attached and made exhibit hereto, a cartified and authenticated copy of which appears, is attached and is made by reference a part of the Governor's application for requisition, and affirms that the trajectory of bullet traveling along the path as indicated in said drawing would be consistent with the entry of the bullet and subsequent course through the body of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Purther affiant sayoth not.

DR. J. FRANCISCO, 1196 Yorkshife Memphis, Shelby County, Toungstee, United States of America. TE OF TENNESSEE

COUNTY OF SHELBY

Before me J. A. Blackwell, Glerk of the Criminal Courts of Shelby County, Tennessee, being an officer constituted to take oaths, appeared DR. J. T. FRANCISCO , to me known personally and after being duly sworn, stated that the foregoing affidavit of three pages is true and correct to the best of his/new knowledge, information, and belief. I hereby certify that this document is the conogunate a true copy of the original affidavit of DR. J. T. FRANCISCO

IN TESTIMONY WEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affired the seal of said Court, at office, in the day of June, 1968. City of Memphis, this

STATE OF TENNESSEE

COUNTY OF SHELBY

I, Perry H. Sellers, sole and presiding Judge of the Criminal Court of said County Division I, certify that J. A. Blackwell, whose true and genuine signature appears above to the foregoing certificate, is now, and was at the time of signing the same, Clerk of said Court, and that said Court is a Court of Record; that his attestation is in due form, and his official acts, as such, are entitled to full faith and credit.

WITNESS my hand, this

STATE OF TENNESSEE

COUNTY OF SHELBY

I, J. A. Blackwell, Clerk of the Criminal Courts of said County, certify that Honorable Perry H. Sellers, whose genuine official signature appears to the above and hereto annexed Certificate, is and was at the time of signing the same, side and prosiding Judge of the Criminal Court Division I, in and for the County and State aforescie, duly commissioned and

qualified, and that all his official acts, as such, are entitled to full faith and credit.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at office, in the City of Memphis this ______ day of June,

1968.

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DIRECTOR DIRECTOR WIS-ON OF PUBLIC WORKS



APRIL 23, 1968

NA. TRANS C. FOLLOMAN, DIRECTOR DIVISION OF FIRE & POLICE CITY OF MIMPHIS MUNPHIS, TENNESSEE

DEAR MR. HOLLOMAN:

PER YOUR REQUEST, DATED APRIL 22, 1968, THROUGH MR. CHARLES B. BLACKBURN, D. RECTOR, DIVISION OF PUBLIC WORKS, I WAS INSTRUCTED TO MAKE CERTAIN ENGINEERING MEASUREMENTS RELATIVE TO THE MURDER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING. THESE MEASUREMENTS WERE TO BE FROM A POINT WHERE THE WEAPON WAS FIRED TO THE AREA WHERE DR. KING WAS STRUCK. THE MEASUREMENTS WERE TO BE TRIANGULATED.

This morning, April 23, 1968, I and several engineering employees from this department, met with Lts. A. S. Zelinski and J. L. Harrison, of the Police Department, at the scene of the murder. The measurements and calculations, hereinafter described, were made between 8:30 A. M. and 10 A. M., this date.

I was shown, BY LTS. ZELINSKI AND HARRISON, THE SPOT WHERE DR. KING WAS STANDING AND THE WINDOW FROM WHICH THE SHOT WAS FIRED AND THAT THE BULLET ENTERED DR. KING AT A POINT 59 INCHES ABOVE THE BALCONY FLOOR OF THE LORRAINE MOTEL, AND THAT THE GUN WAS RESTING ON A POINT ON A WINDOWSILL OF A BUILDING WHICH FRONTS ON SOUTH MAIN STREET AND ACROSS MULBERRY STREET FROM THE LORRAINE MOTEL.

AN ENGINEER'S TRANSIT WAS PLACED OVER THE SPOT WHERE DR. KING WAS SHOT. THE TELESCOPE BEING 59 INCHES FROM THE BALCONY FLOOR, AND THE INSTRUMENT WAS MADE LEYEL.

FROM THIS POSITION TWO TRIANGLES WERE ESTABLISHED, WITH A BASE LINE COMMON TO THE TWO TRIANGLES, ESTABLISHED AND MEASURED. ANGLES WERE TURNED, CHECKED, TURNED AGAIN, AND CHECKED AGAIN AND EVERY EFFORT WAS MADE TO PROVIDE FOR THE UTMOST ACCURACY OF THE CALCULATIONS.

THE LEVEL DISTANCE FROM THE POINT FROM WHICH THE SHOT WAS FIRED TO THE POINT WHERE DR. KING WAS STANDING IS 206.36 FEET. THE DISTANCE ALONG THE FL. GHT OF THE BULLET FROM THE POINT FROM WHICH IT WAS FIRED TO THE POINT WHERE DR. KING WAS STANDING IS 207.02 FEET.

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MRT FRANK C. HOLLOMAN, DIRECTOR OF FIRE & POLICE APR. L 23, 1968 Page # 2

THE WINDOWSILL OF THE BUILDING FROM WHICH THE SHOT WAS FIRED IS 16.63 FEET HIGHER THAN A POINT 59 INCHES ABOVE THE FLOOR OF THE BALCONY ON WHICH DR. KING WAS STANDING WHEN SHOT.

IN ADDITION TO THE AFOREMENTIONED LTS. ZELINSKI AND HARRISON, THE FOLLOWING NAMED MEN FROM THIS DEPARTMENT WERE PRESENT AND ASSISTED IN THIS SURVEY, AND STATISTICS RELATIVE TO THESE MEN FURNISHED IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER: NAME, TITLE, AGE, LENGTH OF SERVICE WITH THIS DEPARTMENT, ADDRESS, AND HOME PHONE NUMBER.

ARTHUR C. HOLBROOK, ENGINEER OF SURVEYS, PLANS, & DESIGN; 52 YEARS OLD; 22 YEARS 5 MONTHS; 3730 SHIRLWOOD AVENUE; 323-8853.

ROBERT V. WENZLER; SENIOR PARTY CHIEF; 32; 15 YEARS 8 MONTHS; 4100 WARD AVENUE; 386-7766.

AARON RUSSELL; SENIOR PARTY CHIEF; 54; 28 YEARS 6 MONTHS; 2119 ALTA VISTA DRIVE; 357-3819.

BILLY FITE; INSTRUMENTMAN; 35; 11 YEARS; 2208 CASSIE AVENUE; 357-4522.

JOE TIDWELL, ENGINEERING AIDE; 21; 1 YEAR 7 MONTHS; 1992 DRIFTWOOD AVENUE; 357-3804.

THOMAS BOILLOT; ENGINEERING AIDE; 24; 7 MONTHS; 2085 LINDEN AVENUE; 278-0504.

CHARLES BROOKS; ENGINEERING AIDE; 18; 5 MONTHS; 4608 McCRORY AVENUE; 685-1223.

I HAVE ATTACHED A SKETCH SHOWING THE TRIANGULATION AS SET UP AT THE SCENE, WITH ANGLES, MEASUREMENTS, AND CALCULATIONS ALSO SHOWN.

IF WE CAN HELP FURTHER IN THIS MATTER, PLEASE ADVISE.

SINCERELY,

ARTHUR C. HOLBROOK, P.E. ENGINEER OF SURVEYS, PLANS & DESIGN

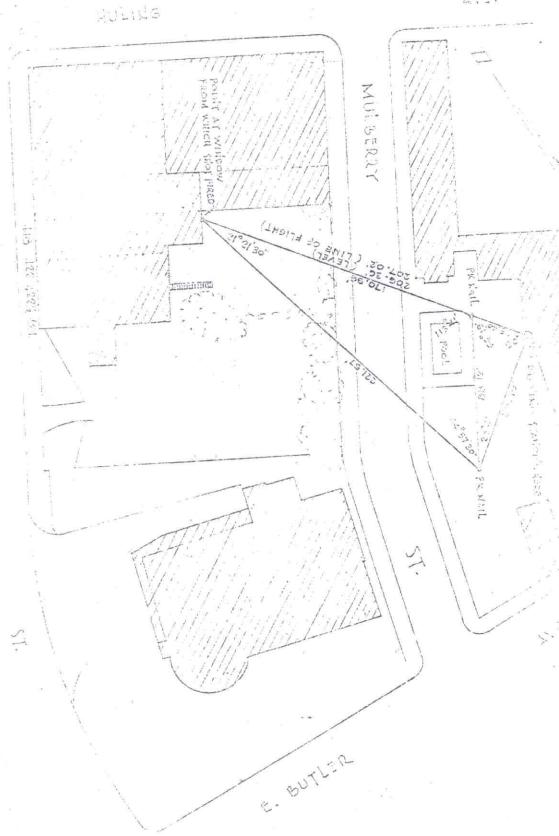
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AUTOPSY REPORT

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OME ADDRESS ATLANTA, GOOTGIA
COUNTY MEDICA. F. J. T. Francisco, M.D.
Memphis, Tennessee
Comple
DISTRIC GENERAL Phil A. Canale
ADDRESS Memphis, Tennessee
Gunshor wound to body and face with: Fracture of mandible Laceration vertebral artery, jugular vein and sub-
clavian artery, minel cord (lower cervical, usper
Lacoration of Spinal Control thoracic),
Intrapulmonary hematoma, apex, right upper lobe
CAUSE OF DEATH Gunshot wound to spinal column, lower cervical, upper thoracic
NASHATIVE OF FINDINGS Death was the result of a gunshot wound to the
chin and neck with a total transection of the lower corvical and
upper thoracic spinal cord and other structures in the neck. The
upper thoracic spinal cord and other
direction of the wounding was from front to back, above downward ar
The severing of the Spinar Core
from right to left. The several and to this extent was a wound that was fatal very shortly after it
occurrence.
The purpose of this report is to provide a certified opinion to the County Medical Examiner and the District Attorney General. The facts and findings to support these conclusions are filed with the office of the State Medical Examiner.
(/ / M.D.
DATE April 11 1968 SIGNATURE: Francisco ADDRESS 858 Madison Avenue-Momphis, Tennessee
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THE CITY OF MEMPHIS HOSPITALS AUTOPSY PROTOCOL

Name Martin Luther King.	Jr. Age 39 Race Negro Sex Male
	Unknown-Approxima Date and Hour of Death 4-4-68 P.M.
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Date and Hour of Autopay	4-4-68 10:45 P.M.
Pathologist Bres Sammit and	d Francisco Assistant
	Date Completed 4-10-68

FINAL PATHOLOGICAL DIAGNOSIS

PRIMARY SRIES:

- Distant gunshot wound to body and face

 - A. Fracture of right mandible
 B. Laceration of vertebral artery, jugular vein and subclavian artery, right
 - Fracture of spine (T-1, C-7)
 - Laceration of spinal cord (lower cervical, upper thoracic) D.
 - Submucosal hemorrhage, larynx
 - Intrapulmonary hematoma, apex right upper lobe

SECONDARY SERIES:

- Remote scars as described
- Pleural adhesions
- 3. Fatty change liver, moderate 4. Arteriosclerosis, moderate
- Venous cut-downs
- Tracheostomy

LABORATORY FINDINGS:

Blood Alcohol - . 0.01%

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14 nourished Megro male measuring 60 1/2 example of 140 hounds. The hair is 15 a 1/10 mustache present.

. RHAL MARKS AND SCARS

There is a second scar present in the center of the chest and a remote ser report extending to the right axilla measuring 8 inches in lerror is a subured vertical surgical incision present at the base of a ... A subured incision is present in the right chest at the anteres suffacy line. Three needle punctures are present in the precently, some no hemorrhage present surrounding the area. There are - = blood spinffuers present on the palm and dorsum of the right hand. A remote scar is present in the right lateral chest. Sutured incisions are present in the left ente cubital fossa, one that is obliquely directed measuring 2 increase in length, one that is horizontally directed measuring 1 inch in length. There are two sutured incisions present on the medial aspect of the ankle. The superior incision measuring 2 inches in length, the inferior receion measuring 1/4 inch in length. There is an extensive excavating lesion affecting the right side of the face beginning at a point I inch lateral to the right corner of the mouth and 1/2 inch inferior to the right corner of the mouth that measures approximately 3 inches in length. At the superior aspect of this gaping wound there is an abrasion collar that measures 1/8 of an inch in maximum thickness, having brownish discoloration present at the superior margin. Adjacent to this area there is extensive laceration of the soft tissues of the face with a fracturing of the right side of the mandible. A re-approximation of the tissues reveals the laceration to extend to the base of the neck and into the base of the neck with intervening skin unaffected in this area. The second penetrating wound at the base of the neck in the superior aspect of the chest measures 3 inches in length. The missile path is through the external jugular vein and vertebral artery. There is a penetration into the lateral aspect of the base of the neck into the upper thoracic and Tower cervical cord totally severing the lower cervical and upper thoracic cord passing through the spinal column at the level of C7 and Ti into the posterior aspect of the back. The bullet is removed from the posterior aspect of the back, 56 inches superior to the right heel and 55 1/2 inches superior to the left heel, 3 inches to the left of the midline of the spine in the medial aspect of the left scapula. The entrance wound is 61 1/2 inches superior to the right heel and 59 inches superior to the right heel with the head turned and positioned so that the wound in the face corresponds with the path of the missile into the neck and spine. The total thickness from the entrance wound to the posterior aspect of the back is 8 1/2 inches in thickness. The angle of the penetrating wound is approximately 45° from a sagittal plane at an angle from right to left inferiorly and anterior to posteriorly at about a 30° angle with a coronal plane.

SECTION

The abdominal panniculus measures an inch in maximum thickness. The skeletal muscles are red and fibillary. There is scarring present over the right anterior-superior chest with pleural adhesions present in this area.

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HEART:

changes. There is focal yellowing of the subendocardial areas affecting the left aspect of the interventricular septum. The right ventricle measures form, in maximum thickness. The left ventricle measures measures 20mm, in maximum thickness. The coronary ostia originate in normal position and have a normal distribution over the epicardial surface. There is minimal intimal proliferation present. Focal yellow plaqueing is present in the ascending aspect of the acrtic arch but ulceration is not present. There is no significant dilatation affecting the chambers of the heart.

RTA:

Focal yellow plaques are present throughout the aorta but ulceration and calcification is not present. The great vessels originate normally. There is perivascular hemorrhage affecting the right carotid artery but no penetration of the wall. The right subclavian artery is lacerated.

ESUPHAGUS:

Partially digested food fragments are present throughout the esophagus.

TRACHEA:

Hemorrhagic mucoid material is present throughout the upper trachea.

LUMGS:

The right lung weighs 300 grams. The left lung weighs 325 grams. There is diffuse congestion, consolidation and hemorrhage affecting the right upper lobe of the lung. Frothy fluid is expressable from the sectioned surface. There is minimal wrinkling of the pleura diffusely throughout the pulmonary parenchyma.

BRAIN:

The brain weighs 1400 grams. There is some flattening of the gyri and narrowing of the sulci. The cerebral vessels are symmetrical. There is no subdural, epidural, or extradural hemorrhage present. There is no significant flattening throughout the cerebral vessels.

KIDNEYS:

The kidneys weigh 175 grams on the left and 150 grams on the right. The capsular surface is smooth. The parenchyma is of normal coloration. The cortical-medullary junction is prominent.

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PAHCREAS:

The pancreatic parenchyma is well preserved. The lobular pattern is preserved. There is no fatty infiltration present. The parenchyma is yellowishers.

LARYNX:

There is diffuse hemorrhage present throughout the superior larynx along with submucosal hemorrhage that is present within the intra-laryngeal areas. There is a tracheostomy perforation that is superior to the thyroid penetrating to the right of the pyramidal lobe.

THYROID:

No significant changes.

SPLEEN:

The spleen weighs 80 grams. The capsule is wrinkled. There is no capsular thickening present. The follicles are not prominent.

STONACH:

The stomach contains approximately 10cc. of partially digested food fragments. There is no ulceration present.

DUODENUM:

No significant changes.

GALLBLADDER:

The gallbladder contains approximately 5cc. of light green bile. No stones are present.

LIVER:

The liver weighs 1600 grams. The parenchyma is pale yellowish-brown. The lobular pattern is accentuated. Theparenchyma-is-quite soft.

PLADDER:

There is approximately 25cc. of cloudy yellow urine present.

PROSTATE:

No significant gross abnormalities are present.

COLON:

The appendix is present. The colonic contents is normal.

SMALL INTESTINE:

There is alternately liquid and gaseous distention present throughout the small intestine.

ADRENALS:

The adrenals are in normal position and weigh 8 grams together. The cortex is bright yellow. The medulla is grey.

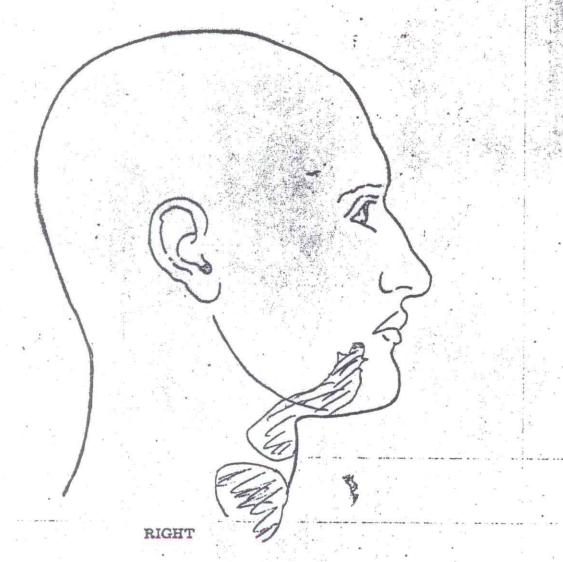
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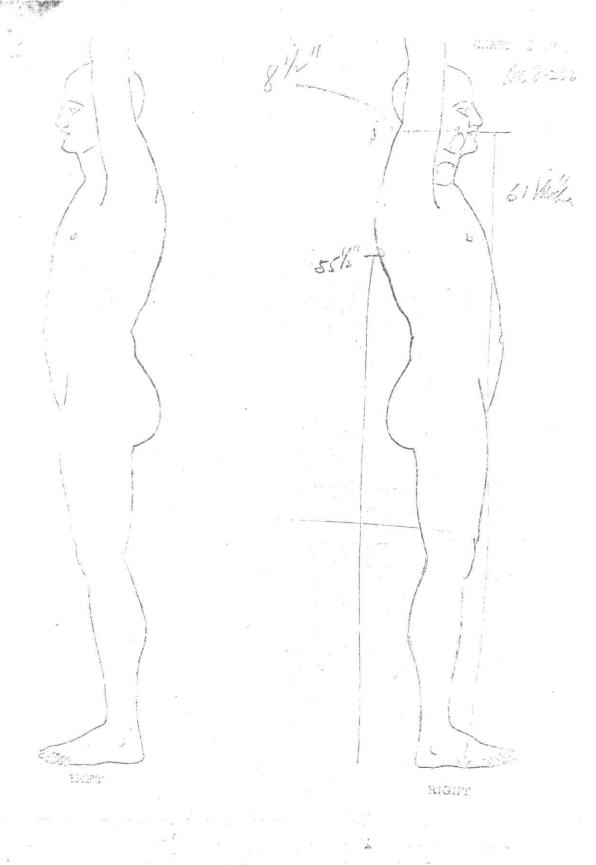


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Focal are as of intra-alveolar nearrhage the present throughout. Otherwise the alveoli are well preserved without my ordistention or collapse. There is a loss of bronchial epithelium free within the lumens of the bronchieles. The pulmonary vessels reveal no significant changes.

PANCREAS:

The particular parently as well preserved. The inless and acini are well preserved. There is minimal conjustion present but no fibrosis of homorrhage.

KIDNEY:

The glomeruli and tubules are well preserved. There is no parenchymal fibrosis evident or vascular problems tion present. The tubules are filled with as applied material. There is no collapse of the tubule tumos.

TIMEDID:

The foliacies are uniform and regular. There is a small quantity of autravasation of mature crythrocyces and peri-foliacular locations. Cellular inflammatory reaction is not present. There is no margination of polymerphoanclear loucocytes within the areas of hemograps.

LIVER:

There is diffuse cytoplasmic vacuolation throughout the hepatic cytoplasm being distributed throughout the lobules and in both pericentral and periportal locations. A small number of mononuclear cells are present in pertal areas. There is some variation in size, shape of the hepatic nuclei. The vacuoles that are present are irregular in size, being numerous in some cells are being single large vacuoles in others with a disruptical of cytoplasmic borders in some.

ADRENAL:

There is congestion of the inner cortical zones of the adrenal. The cytoplas is otherwise well sained act. The cortico-medullary ratio is maintained.

SPILLENT

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HEART':

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CORGNARY:

There is moderate intimal proliferation along with an extra cellular deposition of lipid within the subintimal areas along with lipid filled macrophages present in this location. Small foci of perivascular mononuclear cells are present in the regions of most pronounced intimal proliferation.

PROSTATE:

The glandular elements are well preserved without any significant increase in collageneous connective tissue. It flammatory reaction is not present.