

Questions of autopsy doctors:

Why and by what authority was Doctor Humes working on the autopsy at home?
Why and by what authority did he take ~~these~~ these records to his home?
Why and by what authority, or by whose orders, instructions or suggestions, did he destroy those papers he burned in his fireplace? And certify it? 183-7

Specify what was destroyed, where and when, and what remained.
When pictures and Xrays were taken of the President's body, and when the doctors testified these were "of most value" and "quite routine" in autopsies, why did they assume the pictures and Xrays would not be available for their use in preparation for their testimony and for use during it? Were they so informed, or was any indication of this of whatever nature made to them? As experts in forensic medicine, do they believe that in the presence of the existence of these photographs and Xrays, their testimony without the photographs and Xray for use and reference during it, was competent testimony? Did they not, in fact, testify with their "best evidence"? Why, especially because they are qualified in forensic medicine, did they not demand these photographs and Xrays for use during their testimony?

Were all his autopsy papers, of whatever form or character, included in Exhibit 397? If not, what were not, and what happened to them? (it is obvious some are not)

Why did it take two days to complete the autopsy? What is the normal time?
What are the applicable Federal regulations and Maryland law?

Is it normal, even accepted, to use such sources as newspaper stories, then not in the first person? (p.183)

Did Dr. Humes ever tell Dr. Perry what the autopsy would say, what theory he had developed or was considering - anything about ~~the~~ the autopsy? (p.181)

Did Dr. Perry in any way indicated the anterior neck wound was of entrance, or a puncture wound? (Exhibit 397,; pp. 183-4) (If answer is no, why did he so state in holograph; if answer is yes, why did he strike from holograph - why did he so state if not so, and what did burned copy say of this?) How many drafts of the autopsy did he write, prior to the typed version?

Why did he change the fact in the autopsy? (p.183) Re "Puncture" neck wound (184)
On what basis, and in accord with what principles of forensic medicine, did he go into the angles of the shots, which is speculation, rather than the angles of the injuries he could measure in the body? Was the body in a normal, straight position when he made his measurements? Was there more than one rear wound, aside from the head?

Did he, in any way, trace or see the path of a bullet of rear entrance through the President's body and exiting the neck? How? How many? From the front? How did he in either case determine entrance to exclusion of other direction?

Why was it not possible to probe the rear, non-fatal wound? Was any effort made to probe from front?

Did anyone from FBI consult or observe him in any way, at any time, or have access to any of his notes or working papers, of any kind or character? How can he reconcile FBI report and his autopsy re: posterior non-fatal wound?

Are special forms for autopsies required by Federal regulation or practise and/or Maryland law? Were they executed? When? By Whom? Copies: Where filed? To whom did he give ~~this~~ or these, when? Document Commission used?

Autopsy:

Why was it not released until 10 months after the assassination?

If the Dallas doctors were questioned on the basis of it, why were they not shown copies of the entire autopsy?

Why were the doctors asked to hypothesize about a high-velocity bullet when this was not a high-velocity bullet, according to the FBI expert?

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Questions to Commission:

(also, those questions to all others)

"All the evidence indicates that the bullet found on the governor's stretcher could have caused all his wounds." (R 95). What is the evidence a) that the bullet was found on the governor's stretcher and that it and not a hypothetical bullet could have caused all his wounds? Further, that this bullet and not a hypothetical bullet also, at the same time, caused all the non-fatal injuries to the President and remained entirely unutilated? (P. 172 ff.)

What is the source of the statement (R95) that "In their testimony all three doctors who attended the Governor at Parkland Hospital expressed independently their opinion that a single bullet had passed through his chest; tumbled through his wrist with very little exit velocity, leaving small metallic fragments from the rear portion of the bullet; punctured his left thigh after the bullet had lost all its velocity; and had fallen out of the thigh wound." (pp. 172 ff.)

The point here, again, is that this bullet also had caused the President's non-fatal injuries also; that there were more than three doctors who attended the ~~President~~ Governor; that they did not express either the opinion that, in fact, this bullet referred to, Exhibit 399, had, in fact, done either this or what it had to do for the Report to account for all the injuries and with only three bullets, cause all the non-fatal injuries to both men; that in fact the bullet that caused the Governor's chest wounds left fragments the "report does not mention; that the doctors said or had any way of knowing that this particular bullet had very little exit velocity when it left the wrist; that it did or could have left fragments from the rear portion only; and that, while the bullet had enough velocity to leave a fragment in the femur, it also fell out, undetected. The major point here, aside from the misrepresentation of the opinions of the doctors about Exhibit 399, is that Exhibit 399 had also to have caused all the President's and the Governor's non-fatal injuries and to have remained both undeformed and unutilated, which not one of the doctors said it in fact had.

When numerous autopsy pictures were taken (p. 181) and when the autopsy doctors said such pictures and Xrays "are of most value" and "quite routine" in autopsies, why (p. 182) were these pictures and Xrays not in the possession of the doctors for their testimony about the autopsy?

Why was the autopsy chart (pp. 184¹⁸⁷95) not used as the basis for the autopsy doctors' testimony? Why was it kept out of the Report? Why do the artists conceptions, "Exhibits 385, 386) not agree with this chart, showing the President's non-fatal injury in the back to be in the neck rather than the back?

Why did the Commission suppress the autopsy photographs and Xrays taken of the President's body at Bethesda Naval Hospital from its Report and even from its record of evidence? Why does the Commission suppress from both its Report and record of evidence the FBI spectrographic analysis of the bullet, Exhibit 399, and the fragments of bullets? When the spectrographer, Gallagher, appeared as a witness before the Commission, why did the Commission not question him at all about these spectrographic analysis?

Questions, FBI:

When the FBI Report says the bullet that hit the President in the back did not go through the body, how can its agent, Frazier, testify that it did? (R105)

Was the bullet, Exhibit 399, traced to its alleged source in the hospital, so that the FBI knew who had the bullet in his possession and at what times? Did the FBI know, or did it even seek to learn, who wiped this bullet clean and why? Why did not the FBI examine the traces of matter in the grooves of this bullet to learn whether or not they were human traces? Can the FBI, or ~~it~~ could it have, declare from these residues that this bullet was in the body of the President, in the body of the governor, or in the bodies of both? Is it not routine for such residues to be studied and identified? (p. 162)

When the FBI made spectrographic analysis of the bullet, Exhibit 399, and all the fragments of bullets, why did the FBI Agent Frazier testify of these fragments and the bullet only that spectrographic analysis showed only that they were of lead? (P/164)

Why does the FBI Report say that only three bullets were fired, that two of these hit the President and one hit the governor, when it knew of the curbstome hit and based on the FBI's own report to the Commission, even the Commission conceded this hit was from an additional bullet? Why does the FBI Report not account for the wound in the front of the President's neck, when it says that the bullet that hit him in the back did not go through his body? Does not this FBI report to the Commission, by not accounting for the missed shot or the front-neck injury, account for two bullets in addition to the three it said were fired?

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