

The "FOUND" BULLET

On p.800 of Vol. XVIII appears a brief unsigned note with the name of Richard E. Johnsen, who is on the White House detail of the Secret Service. Typed under his designation as Special Agent is the time 7:30 p.m. Nov. 22, 1963. The note reads, "The attached expended bullet was received by me about 5 min., prior to Mrs. Kennedy's departure from the hospital. It was found on one of the stretchers located in the emergency ward of the hospital. ... It could not be determined who ~~first~~ had used this stretcher ~~first~~ or if President Kennedy had occupied it. No further information was obtained.

Name of person from who (sic) I received this bullet:

Mr. O. P. Wright  
Personnel Director of Security  
Dallas County Hospital District"

As we have seen, Mr. Wright was not the finder of the bullet. That was Mr. Tomlinson, the senior engineer. The bullet was not found "on" the stretcher, as Tomlinson testified, and I believe Mr. Wright made no reference to it in his deposition. On the latter point I may be wrong and it has to be checked.

There is no bullet attached to this note. It is not ~~ona~~ full sheet of paper. It is on a piece of paper that is narrower than regular letter paper. The entire top is cut off. It is cut off so close to the top line of type that, had it come down any lower, it would have nicked the capital letters.