

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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WILLIAM O. (BILL) STINSON, Administrative Assistant to the Governor of Texas, Second Floor, Parkland Hospital in Dallas, stated that during surgery performed on the Governor on November 22, 1963, in connection with the shooting of the Governor on November 22, 1963, in Dallas, that a fragment of the spent bullet which penetrated the Governor's left shoulder from the rear had been removed by DR. TOM SHIRES and/or DR. ROBERT R. SHAW who performed the surgery. He stated the fragment of lead was retained and placed in a receptacle on his instructions and turned over to his office and ultimately to Texas Highway Patrolman NOLAN for delivery to the FBI.

STINSON stated the Governor was shot below the right shoulder blade with the bullet coming out at the fifth rib. He stated the lower portion of the right side was shattered and that as the bullet penetrated this area it proceeded through the right arm, breaking the radius and a piece of the spent bullet came to rest in the Governor's left thigh.

STINSON stated that although the Governor had been in very critical condition, at that moment was much improved and that it was anticipated he would recover satisfactorily.

STINSON stated MRS. CONNALLY was, of course, an eyewitness to the shooting of the Governor insofar as occupancy of the President and Governor's car was concerned and that MRS. CONNALLY would be available for interview by the FBI on November 23, 1963, if requested.

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The following investigation was conducted by
SA J. DOYLE WILLIAMS on November 23, 1963:

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It will be noted that information contained in the interview with WILLIAM O. STINSON on November 22, 1963, based upon information furnished by him, reflected the metal fragment in question removed from the Governor's body was lodged in the Governor's left thigh.

In interviews with Doctor CHARLES FRANCIS GREGORY and Surgery Supervisor AUDREY BELL, a determination was made that the metal fragment in question was actually removed from the Governor's right arm and that no surgery was performed in connection with the wound in his left thigh.

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Doctor CHARLES FRANCIS GREGORY, Parkland Hospital, stated he and Doctor TOM SHIRES and other staff physicians performed surgery on Governor JOHN CONNALLY on November 22, 1963. He stated surgery performed by him was done on the Governor's right arm, and that he removed from the arm a small fragment of metal. He stated the metal fragment was placed into a transparent container for preservation, and that during the operation, he recalled no other pieces or bits of metal being removed from the Governor's body.

Doctor GREGORY was asked whether or not he removed or saw another doctor remove a small fragment of metal from the left thigh of Governor CONNALLY, and he stated that although X-rays indicated the possibility of a small fragment of metal imbedded in the left thigh that no surgery was performed to remove same.

Doctor GREGORY stated Surgery Supervisor AUDREY BELL took custody of the fragment of metal removed from the Governor's arm, and that the ultimate disposition of the metal which was considered to be of possible evidentiary value, could best be explained by Miss BELL. He stated he did not know, however, that he had been advised Miss BELL obtained a receipt from State Trooper BOB NOLAN and transferred the metal fragment to him in accordance with instructions from the Governor's office at Parkland Hospital.

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MISS AUDREY BELL, 3596 A Inwood Road, Surgery Supervisor at Parkland Hospital in Dallas, stated she was in the operating room at the time surgery was performed on Governor JOHN CONNALLY by Doctor CHARLES FRANCIS GREGORY and Doctor TOM SHIRES and that after surgery had been completed she obtained custody of the metal fragment which had been placed in a small receptacle and which had been removed from the right arm of the Governor by Doctor GREGORY. She stated her instructions from the Governor's office were to identify the metal fragment and to turn this possible evidence over to Texas State Trooper BOB NOLAN whom she understood was to transfer the metal fragment to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. She stated she obtained a receipt from Officer NOLAN, and that her files contain a copy of this receipt.

Miss BELL stated she did not of her own knowledge know of any other metal fragment which may have been removed from the Governor's body during surgery. She stated she was aware that there had been a small flesh wound or penetration of the skin by some object in the Governor's left eye; however, no surgery was performed in connection with this wound.

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BOBSEY M. NOLAN, State Highway Patrolman, Tyler District, was interviewed relative to a bullet fragment removed from the left thigh of Governor CONNALLY, which was turned over to him at Parkland Hospital in Dallas for delivery to the FBI.

NOLAN stated his instructions were apparently not clear at the outset and that following contact with his superior officers while at the Dallas Police Department, he turned the bullet fragment over to Captain WILL FRITZ at approximately 7:50 p.m. He stated he had no further information concerning the matter and that his only participation in this series of events was the acceptance of the fragment and delivery of same to Captain FRITZ.

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The following copy of an X-ray negative was received from Mr. JACK REYNOLDS, Administrator, Parkland Hospital, on November 29, 1963, which reflected an x-ray of the left thigh of Governor JOHN G. CONNALLY, which was taken on November 22, 1963.

Dr. JACK REYNOLDS furnished the following letter which accompanied this x-ray negative which is set out as follows:

"SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT DESCRIBING IN DETAIL THE APPEARANCE AND LOCATION OF A SMALL METALLIC DENSITY SUPERIMPOSED ON THE SOFT TISSUE SHADOWS OF THE MEDIAL ASPECT OF THE LEFT THIGH OF GOVERNOR JOHN G. CONNALLY ON FILMS DATED November 22, 1963.

"AP and lateral films of the distal portion of the left thigh were obtained and include the distal portion of the shaft and the region of the knee. One film is in the AP projection and the other the lateral projection with the direction of the beam from medial to lateral and the film lying adjacent to the lateral aspect of the thigh.

"No fractures are seen. A few punctate and linear densities are seen on the film but these are inconstant, and appear on one and not the other and therefore are interpreted as artifacts.

"There is, however, one density which remains constant on both films and appears to lie beneath the skin in the region of the subcutaneous fat in the medial aspect of the thigh. By measurements on these films, without correction for target film distance and object film distance, this small density lies 15.2 cms. above the distal end of the medial femoral condyle on the AP film and, on this film, lies 8 mms beneath the external surface of the skin. It is 6.25 cms medial to the femoral shaft. On the lateral film, the center of this small metallic density lies 15 cms above the distal end of the medial femoral condyle. It lies 4.9 cms posterior to the skin of the anterior surface of the thigh and it is superimposed on the shaft of the femur. In relation to the femur, the density is superimposed on a point 1.5 cms posterior to the exterior of the anterior cortex.

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"The shape of this density is irregular but is roughly oval. Precise measurements are difficult but it is estimated that the greatest length in the AP projection is about 3.5 mms and the greatest width about 1.3 mms.

"Measurements of the density in the lateral projection reveal the greatest length to be about 2 mms. and the greatest width to be about 1.5 mms. The long axis of the metallic object is oriented generally along the axis of the femur."

This copy of an X-ray negative was delivered to the FBI Laboratory on November 30, 1963.

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