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Two United States Navy medical technicians who witnessed the autopsy of President Kennedy said yesterday that autopsy photographs and x-rays recently released by the Government had been tampered with and falsified.

Jerrold Custer, who took x-rays of Kennedy's body at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland after his assassination on November 22, 1963, told a Manhattan news conference that the x-rays "are wrong."

He said the released x-rays showed a black hole where the right side of Kennedy's face should be, indicating that a por-

Autopsy x-rays branded fakes

tion of the face had been destroyed.

But he said: "There was no damage to his face and no part of his skull was missing on the forward part of his head. These are fake x-rays."

Photographer Floyd Riebe, who took pictures of the body during the autopsy, claims that the photographs released by the Government are "phony and

not the photographs we took."

After the autopsy was completed, Custer said he was sent to an admiral's office at Bethesda where he was warned to "keep my mouth shut."

"Nothing was to be said of what I saw, what I did and that if I were to open my mouth, I would wind up in prison."

The news conference was called to rebut articles pub-

lished last week in the Journal of the American Medical Association by two Navy pathologists who performed the autopsy on Kennedy and who support the official Warren Commission findings that the President was shot twice from behind by a lone assassin, Lee Harvey Oswald.

A subcommittee of the House of Representatives yesterday unanimously approved a bill to release secret records dealing with the assassination. Whether the documents hold new information remains to be seen.

Action by the Judiciary Committee, the whole House, the Senate and President Bush is still needed for the bill to become law.

Doctors back JFK report

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A study by the American Medical Association released yesterday says President Kennedy was killed by a lone assassin and was hit by only two bullets that entered his head from behind.

The study completely supports the conclusions reached by the official Warren Commission, which probed the November 22, 1963, assassination.

Dr George Lundberg, editor of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, said the association based its conclusions on extensive interviews with the pathologist who examined Kennedy's body immediately after the assassination and who has kept silent until now.

Dr Lundberg said that he and an associate interviewed Kennedy autopsy pathologists Dr James Humes and Dr J. Boswell, and also talked to the other doctors who attended the President.

"I can state without concern or question that President Kennedy was struck and killed by two, and only two, bullets fired from one high-velocity rifle," Dr Lundberg said.

"Both bullets struck from behind. No other bullets struck the President. A single assassin fired both."

Dr Lundberg said the autopsy findings could not state who fired the rifle, whether there were shots that missed or whether Lee Harvey Oswald, Kennedy's assassin, worked with organised crime in New Orleans or with the Central Intelligence Agency.

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