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Medicolegal Investigation of the President John F Kennedy Murder
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Normally investigation begets conclusion and Wilber lists some but the net impression is one of confusion. Table 5-1, a blow-by-blow description comparing the observations required by the Armed Forces' Autopsy Manual and those made by the Armed Forces at Bethesda, MD, is the highlight which illumines an otherwise murky disorder.

1. Back Wound: this remains about 6" below the shirt collar, about 2" to the right of midline and by and large one of entry

2. Throat Wound: an entry wound about 1/5" (.20") in diameter:

.... an extremely small hole compatible with the
entrance hole of a bullet (p 252)

With no estimate of calibre is a twenty-two possible?

3. Head Wounds:

a. the rear entrance wound appears to move about 4" up the back of the head between 1963 and 1968

b. a Wilber 'summation':

.... President Kennedy had a massive destruction of the right side of his head as a result of a gunshot wound. He probably died instantly as a result of that wound.... (p 90)

c. a loose flap of skin on the left rear may indicate a wound of exit. (Dr Cyril Wecht's location: 1" left of midline and just above the hairline)

d. From Dr McClelland's statement, CE 392,

.... cause of death was due to a massive head and brain injury from a gunshot wound of the left temple(p 207)