

Samples of the 40,000-page FBI investigation of the John F. Kennedy assassination

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None in Body

Puzzle of Fatal Bullets

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Doctors performing the autopsy on the slain president were initially puzzled because they found no bullets in the body of John F. Kennedy, or evidence of an exit wound, according to FBI papers.

But evidence found in Dallas, while the autopsy was underway at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Maryland, solved the mystery, the report said.

But the fact that the body did not produce a bullet that could be traced to Lee Harvey Oswald's rifle has given conspiracy advocates the basis for a theory there was a second gunman.

Kennedy's body was flown back from Dallas after the as-

sassination and immediately taken to Bethesda for the autopsy. Two FBI agents accompanied the body from Andrews Air Force Base and stayed throughout the autopsy.

Their report, which had not been released before, said X-rays of Kennedy's head showed approximately 40 particles of disintegrated bullet, but no exit wound for the remainder of the disintegrated bullet.

Then a search was made of the rest of the body for other wounds for a complete bullet.

"Inasmuch as no complete bullet of any size could be located in the brain area and likewise no bullet could be located in the

back or any other area of the body and inspection revealed no point of exit, the individuals performing the autopsy were at a loss to explain why they could find no bullets," the report said.

But a Secret Service Agent at this point delivered a bullet he said someone had given him in Dallas, saying it had been found on a stretcher in the emergency room at Parkland Hospital, where Kennedy died.

Informed of the bullet, doctors concluded it could have "worked its way back out" of Kennedy's body via the point of entry when cardiac massage had been performed.

But the report states the FBI could not prove that Kennedy was ever on the stretcher on which the bullet was found.

Also during the autopsy a piece of Kennedy's skull was delivered by another agent who had found it on the floor of the presidential car in Dallas.

This section contained metal fragments which doctors said could be an indication of an exit point.

Two bullet fragments were also found on the floor of the car.

FBI 'Checked Leads, Theories'

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The FBI dutifully investigated hundreds of apparently worthless leads and bizarre theories in the slaying of John F. Kennedy

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less leads and bizarre theories in the slaying of John F. Kennedy, according to the documents released yesterday.

The pope and Fidel Castro figured in theories volunteered to the FBI, which also looked into such unlikely suspects as a group of Jews in Winnipeg, Canada; and the minister of the Church of the Firstborn of the Fullness of Times.

More than 1,300 pages of the documents were made up of reports on hundreds of people who been heard about the time of the assassination making some threatening remark like "Kennedy will get his."

One letter written Nov. 26, 1963 by a woman in Anderson, S.C., said the Kennedy assassination was a plot by England and Italy following a visit "some years ago" by President Kennedy and Attorney General Robert Kennedy to Pope Pius VIII — presumably she meant John XXIII or Pius VI who succeeded him in 1963.

The Kennedys, she said, "intended to clear up some reports they had found about England's Queen Elizabeth II being the daughter of a former President of the United States, a Democrat, Woodrow Wilson."

The Secret Service, she said, exchanged Elizabeth for two other princesses who were taken to South Carolina.

The vague tale continued for pages.

The FBI investigated a person who wanted to send a telegram to Andrei Gromyko; and an obscene letter sent to Marguerite Oswald, the assassin's mother, threatening "Us Nazis'll kill ya."

On Dec. 2, 1963 the U.S. embassy in Rome reported an American newspaper columnist there — his identity was censored from the FBI report — said the Spanish ambassador to Italy had shown him a report from the Spanish Intelligence Service alleging Kennedy's assassination was brought about by Fidel Castro.

Castro, according to the alleged Spanish intelligence report, "has been most upset by the apparent rapport established between President Kennedy and Premier (Nikita) Khrushchev and felt that some dire act was needed to destroy this rapport."

The FBI sought to check with Spanish intelligence if Oswald was acting as a Cuban agent but no reply was recorded.

On a tip, the FBI found a telephone book at a gas station in Scottsdale, Ariz., six months af-

ter. The middle name of Abraham Lincoln's killer had been spelled incorrectly.

Under "John F. Kennedy" was written "PXJ 00050, Arlington Cemetery" — again an incorrect spelling.

After questioning the owner of the gas station, and other people the FBI concluded "no one had noticed any questionable persons in the telephone booth."

Detective Quoted

'Coincidence' Gave Ruby His Chance

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Jack Ruby was able to get into the basement of Dallas police headquarters where he shot Lee Harvey Oswald because of a "series of unfortunate coincidences," a memo in FBI files from an internal police investigation says.

The investigation, in the form of a report to Police Chief J. E. Curry, concludes:

"We are convinced that our investigation has established to a reasonable certainty that Jack Leon Ruby entered the basement from the Main Street ramp and that no collusion existed between him and any member of the press; that his entrance into the basement at this particular time was the result of a series of unfortunate

coincidences which caused a momentary breakdown in the security measures adopted.

"Ruby was in the basement for a maximum of two minutes, with a strong possibility that it was only five to 10 seconds prior to the shooting . . ."

The report says Ruby apparently ducked into the building when a policeman guarding the entrance to the ramp stepped out into the street to stop traffic so a police car could leave the building.

The report quotes a detective who interviewed Ruby as having heard the killer say:

"Y'all won't believe this, but I didn't have this planned. I couldn't have timed it so perfect."

Oswald's Ramblings In Address Book

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Lee Harvey Oswald's address book, seized by the FBI after President Kennedy's assassination, contained a jumble of notes in English and Russian and addresses for the Soviet Ambassador, several Cuban organizations, and two American reporters in Moscow.

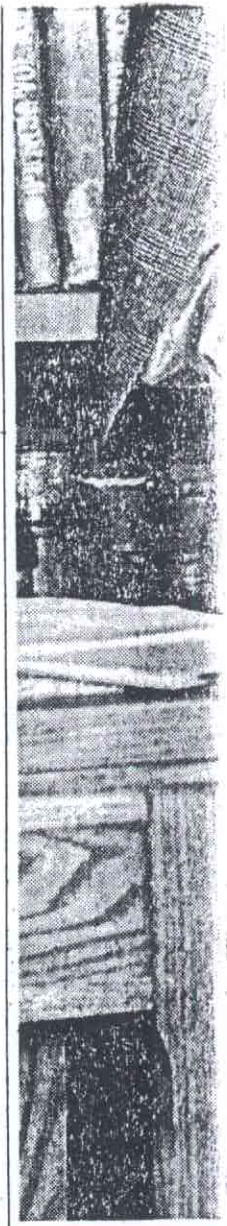
A word-by-word report of the book's contents was contained among the 40,001 documents released yesterday by the FBI relating to the agency's investigation of Kennedy's death.

Oswald had written in Rus-

sian: "Russ. Am. Mikhail A. Menshikov, New York." The Soviet Ambassador at the time was Mikhail Menshikov, who resided in Washington D.C., not New York.

The book also contained addresses for the Cuban Consulate and Cuban Airlines in Mexico City, and the Cuban Student "Directorate" in New Orleans.

Oswald had also noted down, apparently from his Soviet stay, the names of Aline Mosby of United Press International and an Associated Press correspondent identified as "Mr. Goldberg."



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