

More on Wecht/5/5/75 Press Conference

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After reading the Lardner story, which has a text of about 10 inches, I suddenly remembered part of Wecht's prepared statement for the press conference and his intent, explicit in it, to give out copies of the spectro and NAA tests.

On the latter, does giving out sheets of workpapers have any meaning if they are entirely unexplained.

"Wecht said that because the data have just been released, it is too early to draw conclusions as to their significance. 'But regardless of what they show, for or against the Warren report, (read I) shall says so."

Well, he had them for a week. I saw more than enough as soon as I got them to "draw conclusions as to their significance" and did, promptly, with regard to both sets of tests. The right tests were not made, there was deliberate fakery, the Commission knew both and did nothing, and what else does one need to draw conclusions?

If one knows his business, that is.

Lardner boiled down much and leiminated parts of what he did. "onetheless, the conclusions he attributes ot me are specific and signifisant?"

Headling, "Author Maintains FBI Omitted JFK Lab Test."

Lead: "...failed to conduct tests that could have upset the commission's findings..."

Among the not done specified is not testing any clothing or some fragments by NAA.

Conclusion quotes, ~~XXXXXXXX~~ "That had to be done if they were going to say that Kennedy and Connally were hit by the same bullet."

Too early to conclude?

The more self-importa nt Cyril is the more ridiculous he is. This reminds me of when I sent him a copy of the Clark panel reportm phoned him and found he didn't understand it! I then rushed through a part of Post Mortem to be sure I saw all of it myself and had that done and backgrounded/briefed him prior to his testimony so he could testify to what he had failed to see and/or understand.

He's got this scientist Bob Smith on his county payroll. Bob is supposed to be some kind of expert besides and assassination expert, he and the CTIA and Wecht say. Smith knows so little of the subject he could not draw conclusions for Cyril?

It gets crazier by the incident and the possibility of non-self-seeking seems more remote with each incident.

I don't think many of the few reporters at the press conference by 9:30 a.m. had read the Post's obit page, but if they did, or did later, it ought not be reassuring to them to read obvious conclusions based on stated facts and then to recall that the "expert" had said it was too early to draw any conclusions.