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JFK slaying discrepancies told

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ELLSWORTH — Terry Garnett of Ellsworth, who has done an in-depth study of the discrepancies of the Warren Commission Report concerning the assassination of President John Kennedy, gave a long, documented and illustrated presentation at the Greater Ellsworth Unit League of Women Voters meeting Wednesday night here.

Ms. Garnett showed the 22-second Zapruder film, slides of the motorcade and of Oswald, displayed posters showing the path of the bullets, and read excerpts from Harold Weisberg's book, "Post Mortem," as a part of her talk. She noted that she had received most of her researched facts from Weisberg, an investigative reporter and former member of the Office of Strategic Services, and some also from Sylvia Meagher, who wrote an index to the 26-volume report, and Mark Lane, attorney, who offered to represent Oswald's interests, post-mortem.

Ms. Garnett spoke of the "magic" bullet, of the single-bullet theory, promulgated by Philadelphia attorney, Arlen Specter, which is supposed to have entered President Kennedy's body at the base of his neck, come out his throat, and travelled through Governor John Connolly's body, causing injuries to rib, wrist, and leg. This bullet when found, was apparently in almost pristine condition. The Parkland Hospital attendant who found it, evidently, could not give proof that it had been found on Gov. Connolly's stretcher.

She noted that facts about the bullet's path, the direction from which it came, and who did the firing, also, reveal discrepancies. Ms. Garnett said the Warren Commission seemed to have a pre-conceived idea of how the report should read, and matched their facts accordingly.

Therefore, she noted, discrepancies on where a bullet, or bullets, had entered the President's body, appeared in testimony at the time of the autopsy when compared to the 1968 Clark panel (a panel headed by former Attorney General Ramsey Clark).

This panel found the entry hole in the rear of the head four inches higher than where the autopsy doctors had placed it; the wound was a completely different size and shape than that described by the autopsy doctors; discovered missing x-rays, and found "several small metallic fragments" in the region of the lower neck, missiles autopsy Dr. Humes swore earlier were not there, among other data. Yet, Ms. Garnett noted, the panel claimed to have confirmed the findings of the Warren Report.

Ms. Garnett documented, also, that autopsy Dr. Finck, at the 1968 trial of Clay Shaw, admitted that President Kennedy's autopsy was not "a complete autopsy under the definition used by the American Board of Pathology." He further stated that the three autopsy doctors were ordered by a Navy Admiral not to trace the bullet path through the neck. By not doing this, there can only be an assumption of where it actually went, Ms. Garnett said.

Oswald's autopsy, she described, has been cited as a "model of forensic medicine" in comparison.

Ms. Garnett commented, too, on the numbers of witnesses who had given testimony to some government agents but were not called by the Warren Commission. She noted that the former president's wife, who was in a position to have seen the most, was called the following June, and then only for 10 minutes. She was not asked about the wound locations, whereas Marina Oswald, wife of Lee Harvey Oswald, who was not present, was taken into protective custody and gave much testimony.

Among Ms. Garnett's concluding remarks were that the CIA has some 51 files of Oswald's locked away until the year 2039, and also, that his 1962 income tax form is not available.

In the continuing question and answer period throughout her talk, the attentive audience focussed on the grassy knoll area in front of the President from where a shot was supposedly fired, according to two-thirds of the witnesses. This would discredit the bullet's entering the body from the back and Oswald's being the assassin.