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Dear Mr. Hughes,

It is not a desire to enjoy my retirement at 79 and in seriously impaired health but a desire to continue my work. Each thing I do is at the cost of something I'll not be able to do. So I'll answer your questions in this letter but please do not ask me to do it again. And in free moments I'll read your letter to Lundberg, for which thanks.

Gary Mack's address is 4629 Brandingshire Place, Fort Worth, 76133.

The Steve Level stuff is old and never had any credibility. In general, this is true of all the "solutions" that are theories.

I like Fletcher Prouty. He is a friend. But I do not at all agree with some of his ideas and I abominate his associates of the Willis Carto ultra-right.

Lane is totally undependable. His current book is a knowing fraud in which he adds to his reputation while ripping off the trusting people like you, in mind and in pocket. But Sylvia Meagher's book is magnificent! And it has just been reprinted by Vintage.

Groden had done some evil things. I asked Livingstone why anyone would run the risk of faking autopsy film to make fakes that destroy the purpose for which they are allegedly made and he has yet to answer. As Post Mortem Part II makes clear, the film does that in the JFK case.

The FBI said it could not connect the Tippit bullets with the pistol. But the Commission got a guy named Nicol who said he could and the Commission went with that.

I have seen nothing credible connecting Tippit, Ruby and Oswald.

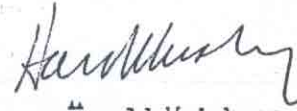
What you say about the tie tells me that you have not read Post Mortem.

Howard Donahue's book is an outrageous fake. Nothing to that theory, either.

What you say about the head fragments again tells me you did not read Post Mortem.

The autopsy showed about 40 distylike fragments in the head.

Best wishes,


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Dear Mr. Weisberg;

Enclosed you will find a letter that I wrote to Dr. Lundberg, Editor of Journal of American Medical Association (JAMA) regarding the article of April 27th in which they gave rubber stamp to Dr's Humes and Boswell on the Autopsy of President Kennedy.

Since we last spoke on the phone, I have had an opportunity to not only read the article in JAMA, but have just finished reading Dr. Humes' statement in the Warren Commission Report. Seems to me that Dr. Humes is beginning to slip. (re. page 7 my letter to JAMA).

Mr. Weisberg, I realize you have spent a good part of your lifetime in the service to your country by investigating the Kennedy Assassination and I also realize that perhaps you are trying to enjoy your retirement years and wish to do so in quiet I have some burning questions inside of me from reading your "Whitewash" series and "Post Mortum". If I were to write them down, you could you, at your leisure answer them? Honestly, I really want to respect your desire for some peace and quiet and I would not be offended if you were to say NO!

I have done as you recommended. I have read your books and sought what references you have referred to and made my own determination of what is available to us. For this I thank you. I have been amused as to how some of these other authors have been able to write things hoping the reader will not look any further than their book. Funny what you find when you do look further. Such as Humes' statement referred to on page 7 of the JAMA letter, 1st. Para.

I again would like to thank you for your steadfastness and dedication to the truth. It is truly refreshing. I do not know what my letter to Dr. Lundberg will bring but If you don't mind, I will keep you informed.

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Do you have any information that would assist me in contacting Jack White and Gary Mack (Photo researchers in Texas) that have done some photographic enhancements to Mary ann Morman's Polaroid and have come up with 3 figures on the grassey knoll? Seems one of these three is in a Police uniform and is firing a weapon.

Have you ever heard of Steve Revel (spelling may be wrong) supposedly has turned up information that reveals a French hit team hired by the Mafia to remove Kennedy?

What do you know of the reputation and any further writings that may have been at the hands of Colonel Fletcher Prottie?

Has Dr. Finck ever written any information about the Autopsy?

What credibility do you put in the writings of Mark Lane and Sylvia Meager?

What credibility do you put in the research and writings of Bob Groden and Harrison Livingston?

Was there ever any ballistics comparison results to the bullets taken from Tippits body to the weapon taken from L.H.Oswasd?

Has there ever been any writings to the background or association of Tippet to LHO or Jack Ruby?

Was there ever any information as to the marks on Kennedy's tie? Seems to me that the bullet or fragment exited directly behind the Knot of the tie but never damaged the Tie.

What do you think of the ballistic's expertese of Howard Donahue? What did you think of his theory of Hinkey shooting the President with the AR15?

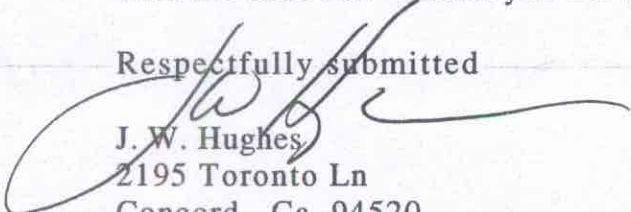
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I was really intrigued to find that S.A. Kellerman stated in his testimony to the WCH that they had seen some 40 to 50 Fragments in Kennedy's skull at the time they viewed the Xrays at the Autopsy table.

Do you know of any place on Earth where I could purchase a copy of the 26 volumes of the Warren Comm. Hearings???

Once again, if you chose not to answer this letter and the request for questions that I have included, there will not be any problem where I am concerned. I am overwhelmed at the information and time you have taken with me thus far. Thank you for that!

Respectfully submitted



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Dear Dr. Lundberg;

My name is John Hughes and I have been interested in the Kennedy Assassination since it occurred. I am a Police Officer with many years of experience in investigations and have, since day one, felt that "My President" got less than a fair shake from the time the first shot was fired until this very moment.

My son called me last month with an exciting report that he had seen an article on TV in which you stated that the Journal had interviewed Doctor's Humes and Boswell and that JAMA was standing behind their findings.

I have read almost everything that has been written on this subject that I could get my hands on. Naturally, I was anxious to read what you had found on your interview that would cause a reputable document such as yours to give credibility to an obvious travesty of an Autopsy, performed by two obviously unqualified and influenced individuals.

I would presume that at this point this letter may be tossed in the closest trash can, however, should that not be the case, I am going to take your article on one section at a time.

Were I colonel Finck, I would be quite offended in reading your opening statement that "there were two and only two that knew what happened." Truly, there was only one that really knew what happened, and that was Colonel Finck.

Doctor's Humes and Boswell obviously didn't know what they were doing or which direction to proceed until Colonel Finck arrived.

When you read the Warren Hearing Report, Colonel Finck is the only scientist with any technical specifics of the entire Autopsy and this man co-Authored the Autopsy report. How can you say there were two and only two?

Humes states "I'm in charge" but when you read the statements in the WCR alone, of the members of the Secret Service and FBI that were present at the Autopsy, you will find that most of the talking was done by Colonel Finck after he arrived. Most of the "Scientific Evaluations" were directed by him. When he arrived, he was quite upset at what hadn't been done. Possibly the reason he is not available for your interview is because he would rather remain silent than to tell you of how really disgusted he was with this 3 ring circus he was forced into.

I presume that you consider your interview with Humes and Boswell "publicly discussed" because they met in some hotel room with you and Mr. Breo. That sir, is a far cry from a public meeting. If you really want them publicly interviewed, arrange to have them meet a panel of investigators such as;

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| Harold Weisberg | Whitewash | 29 years investigator |
| Mark Lane | Rush to judgement | 27 years investigator |
| Anthony summers | Conspiracy | 20 years investigator |
| Sylvia Meager | Accessories after the fact | 29 years investigator |
| Jim Marrs | Crossfire | 27 years investigator |
| Bob Groden | High Treason | 27 years investigator |
| Harrison Livingston | High Treason II | 29 years investigator |
| David Lifton | Best Evidence | 27 years investigator |
| Charles Crenshaw | MD. | 29 years experience |
| Cheryl Weicht | M.D. Pathologist | 29 years investigator |

just to name a few that have devoted their lives to investigating this MURDER. As you can readily see, you will have a panel of experts that have a nearly 300 years of investigative experience on what Humes and Boswell supposedly did in 4 hours. But, just as it has been for 29 years, Boswell and Humes and the others involved in the cover-up will not come public and will continue to hide behind the veil of legitimacy that organizations such as JAMA provide for them. They say just enough to convince you that they are the Greatest.

They are the greatest.....LIARS AND FRAUDS!!!

BULLETS COME FROM ABOVE AND BEHIND.

Howard Donahue, author of; Mortal Error has investigated the assassination since 1967. He started out with the intention of proving the Warren Commission findings as fact and wound up proving them

PHONEY! This man is a Ballistics expert and has done extensive research that disproves Colonel Fincks "Opinion" of the "Above and Behind" theory.

Also exposed by Howard Weisberg in "Whitewash" 1964.

"It was Humes and Boswell that opened the casket and removed Kennedy's body to the examination table." This statement has been refuted by the Enlisted men in the room at the time of the arrival. Also, what about the statement from Admiral David Osborne, who was present in the morgue and saw a bullet fall from the head wrappings when the body was removed? He held the bullet in his hand and gave it to the Secret Service that was in the room. What happened to this evidence?

Humes says he is "tired of being beaten upon by people who are ignorant of scientific fact." What Fact? To this point in time, we have none. Only the word and written documents from the Authors of the Autopsy (in which there are three versions) Which version do they wish for us to take as fact?

Until Humes is willing to admit that he screwed up the Autopsy, and bent to the pressure that he admitted (in your article) existed, he is going to continue to be beaten upon. Humes did not do a professional job of the Autopsy and frankly from his job credentials, he was incompetent to perform a murder investigation to begin with. He had access to other professionals in the field but chose to perform the task himself, for this, and the outcome, he must suffer the consequences. This was a conscious choice on his part. Personally, I think that this choice of his goes much deeper.

You seem to have taken Dr. Crenshaw's statement of "being struck from the front" slightly out of context. Dr. Crenshaw, from his observations, saw what was to them an obvious "entry wound" to the throat that led them to deduce the "shot from the front". Have you ever wondered why the tie didn't have a bullet hole in it?

I think we need to keep this in perspective. The Doctor's at Parkland were attempting to save the Presidents life. They did all they could . They reported only what they saw in the "pressure cooker time of less than an hour". Dr. Humes had 4 hours in his "3 ring circus" and still couldn't do it right.

Dr's Humes, Boswell, and Finck were charged with the Autopsy Investigation and were so inefficient that they justify not "tracing the path of a bullet" by Humes arrogant statement;

"disecting the neck was totally unnecessary and would have been criminal."—Re. your article pg 2799 1st P.

What was criminal, was for these 3 men to be charged with the Autopsy of "My President" and by way of gross incompetence and pressure from the Military, Political and Kennedy Family, they failed to do a proper murder investigation autopsy; thus giving grounds for the charges that have followed them since then. They have earned the reputation they have. Seems the "good old boys keep patting themselves on the back".

A FOOLPROOF FINDING

How on earth can Humes and Boswell be so adamant when numerous investigators have proven them wrong beyond a shadow of doubt. Zapruder film shows that Kennedy was hit long before Connally and Connally himself states he was not hit by the 1st. or any other shot that hit President Kennedy. He obviously wasn't hit by the 2nd or 3rd shot to hit Kennedy either. Fact is, he was hit by a single shot . But, Humes will sit there "until Hell freezes over" and will not accept that he screwed up. The reason Humes admits, in P2. that the "evidence is less well defined" is because he Humes failed to define it. Fact is, it would have proven the "Warren Report" **wrong** and this "Good old boy knew he had to play ball with the big kids or his career was finished".

Humes continue's to move the back shot into the neck to make it work. When his and Boswells notes, graphs and the photos prove it was a back shot that didn't go anywhere. Here it is 29 years later, bruised, battered and tired but he still defends what he didn't do. Dr. Humes, Willey Coyote has nothing on you!

On your page 2795, Humes calls authors and investigators "300 at a convention in Dallas" IDIOTS. Dr. Humes reminds me of a drug addict or an alcoholic who never admits that they are the problem. Boswell says "we documented our findings in spades". It's too bad they didn't document the finding in their report. Why was it necessary for a pathologist performing an autopsy to call a Doctor 1400 miles away (the next day) to find out what he did so they can put 2 + 2 together and come up with 3? Why didn't they investigate on the table and render their "spades as facts" and not "guess"?

FIND THE CAUSE OF DEATH

Dr. Humes was told to "get anyone you feel is necessary to help do the Autopsy" His answer today, "Hell, I could have called people from Paris and Rome if I thought it was necessary! but, as it turned out, I didn't." Dr. Humes, "as it turned out, I didn't" is as close to a confession from your lips that we have heard in 29 years. I think there is hope for you if you will just let go!

Dr. Humes gets a call from Dr. Smith, the deputy director of AFIP. But the Navy Commander can do it himself. At this point, even Boswell senses that they are not qualified and he states "AFIP should do the Autopsy" But, alas, because Admiral Burkely wants it done at Bethesda, Mut and Jeff decide to do the chore. "I was told that Jackie Kennedy selected Bethesda because her husband had been a Navy Man" What a sad epitaph to a marvelous man that Admiral Burkley says that Jackie wants it done by Navy. This woman was in a state of shock and had been led everywhere but the "pro's allow her to make a decision in this time of crisis?" Possibly the truth was, Admiral Burkeley, an incompetent himself didn't want "Army" finding out he had been mistreating the President for a long time and He knew Humes and Boswell were "good old boys" and wouldn't blow the whistle on him. Humes even defied the Commission when they asked about the Adrenals of the President at the hearings. The facts are, that Walter Reed Hospital was better equipped with "professionals that would have conducted a legitimate autopsy and reported their findings no matter what".

HUMES WAS IN TOTAL CHARGE

He obviously was in charge of getting an enlisted man with a camera removed from behind the hospital. But from that time on, he was not in charge!

NO GENERALS IN THE MORGUE

The FBI report of who was at the autopsy lists some 25 persons. Admirals, Generals included. But, Humes says that Admiral Burkley and a team of 10 "locked in" and proceeded to start. 14 Xrays of the body would by themselves require all present to step back while they were shot, and would have taken a significant portion of the 4 hour autopsy. Humes himself states on page 2796 that "the Presidents Military Aides from the Airforce, Army, Navy were all present"

Then on page 2799 the ultimate of "control" is identified by Dr. Humes; "It is true that we were influenced by the fact that we knew Jackie Kennedy was waiting upstairs to accompany the body to the White House and Admiral Burkley wanted us to Hurry." Wonder what Burkley was trying to hide???

"I'd done gunshot wounds before and this one was perfectly obvious" The most unqualified idiot could look at the President and announce this. In his report, Dr. Humes is so arrogant at this point, that he places the "entry wound" on the back of the head 2" from where it actually was. Thank goodness he got it in the back of the head!

"There was a lot of commotion but we were trained to focus on the task at hand" then, Dr. Humes says "the scene in the autopsy room was somewhat like trying to do delicate Neurosurgery in a three ring circus." but he continues to this day to say, "I was in charge" and "I will stand by my findings till hell freezes over".

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"The people who accompanied the President's Body to the Morgue were the most disturbed and distressed people I have ever seen." "We were unfazed" I'll bet they were, they couldn't even figure out where the bullet went that was an entry from the back!

These statement by Dr. Humes tells me, "the unqualified", that there was little to no concentration. Colonel Finck testified at the Shaw trial that "the Bullet was not tracked because He was told not to do so." Who would tell a Pathologist investigating a Murder, not to track a bullet???

Also, Humes' testimony at the Hearings stated on page 351 "the photos and the Xrays were exposed in the morgue of the NMC on this night, and they were not developed, neither the Xrays nor the photos". But now on page 2798 of your JAMA article Humes says "getting our Xrays, which were read right at the table, and our photographs, which were relied upon for future documentation." Which is it Dr. Humes, did you take - develop - read the very night of the autopsy or did you see them some years later after the circus left town? Dr. Humes you are beginning to slip!

Agent Kellerman in his testimony confirms "they *looked at* the Xrays the night of the autopsy". This is the same Kellerman that committed the crime of stealing the Presidents body from Texas to begin with.

Dr. Humes states "If only we had seen the Presidents clothing, tracking the 2nd bullet wold have been a piece of cake" Good grief Dr. Humes, you had the body, what more could you have asked for.

And, Dr. Lundberg, there is more;

TIME TO QUIT SPECULATING

Dr's Humes and Boswell did nothing but speculate. They obviously did not investigate. Dissecting the neck was "totally unnecessary and would have been criminal". "The second bullet was important, but not of overriding importance, we knew we would find the explanation sooner or later" Dr. Lundberg, if I were a pathologist at this time, I would have hung my head in shame that these two "professionals" could make a statement like this and your Journal would give license to it.

Dr Humes makes notes at the Autopsy then on Nov 23rd he drafts the autopsy report, then burns the notes. If a subordinate of Humes' had done this, Humes would have been all over him.

Let's take two documents from this investigation for a quick example; Com. Exhibit 397, Pg 45 vol XVII: It is quite convenient that Humes and Boswell manage to make such poor notes with absolutely no means of relocating the wounds based on measurements. They can say those wounds are anywhere they want them to be at this time.

Further, Com Exhibit 398 Pg 46 vol XVII; The wound is on the wrong side. And you acknowledge this and call it a professional report? Please Dr. Lundberg, tell me that JAMA truly does have higher standards.

Have you ever wondered why the exhibit (397) shown in Harold Weisbergs book "Post Mortum" Pg 310 is signed "verified G.G. Burkley" and the one in the Warren Commission report is not??? Humes is so proud of his autopsy that he doesn't sign his own drawings?

Dr. Humes states that the Autopsy report was A63-272 indicating this was the 272 autopsy performed at Bethesda in 1963. How many of the other 271 were performed by Dr. Humes? Anyone willing to answer this?

Dr. Humes says "our conclusions have stood the test of time". The reason it has is that the Federal Government has hidden the FACTS, PHOTOS and Xrays from the public and Doctors Humes and Boswell performed one of the most disgraceful autopsys in medical history and refuse to expose themselves to the public to defend what they did. I think the Journal of the America Medical Association should be ashamed for having rubber stamped this atrocity. All this article has done is raise more questions.

Dr. Humes has had a trying day. He missed out on a party at his home and was thrust into History to perform an autopsy on "My President" and then spends 4 hours screwing up the autopsy. Then he spends 6 more hours remaining at the morgue "helping to embalm the Presidents Body". I have often wondered why the family had a closed casket.

Dr's Boswell and Humes are so cool, calm and collected and in charge, that after the autopsy Humes is asked to follow Boswell home to make sure he got there safely (pg 2799).

AUTOPSY CONFIRMED 4 TIMES

Which autopsy are we talking about Dr. Lundberg? There are 3.

PHOTOS NOT PUBLISHED

"The head wound was devastating and if the Photos were made part of the commissions report they would have become public. I did not think these photos should appear on the front page of newspapers and I did not trust the ability of the commission to keep them secret" What power Dr. Humes had. So, Dr. Humes and Boswell had their own drawings made. Why didn't they just get pictures of the President at the beach? At least then, they could tell us it was real. In so doing, Humes and Boswell altered FACT beyond reconstruction and verification and I for one feel that I have been lied to and would never trust these two in anything they could or would ever say. They are career liars.

In 1968 Dr. Humes is pleading for a panel to review the Xrays and Photos and is willing to make himself available for their review "before more time passes and memory fades." However, he doesn't have any trouble talking to you Dr. Lundberg or Mr. Breo 24 years later. And still, his findings, Xrays and Photos are not public. Did you see them?????

Did anybody ever ask Dr. Humes how the bullet strikes the President in the BACK at a 45 to 60 degree angle (downward), works its way up and out the 3rd ring of the Trech, penetrates the shirt in an elongated tear (comes out behind the knot of the tie) nicks the tie, moves forward strikes Governor Connally at a 25 degree angle (downward) and inflicts 4 wounds on him? But, Dr, Humes has the arrogance to call investigators "IDIOTS"?

Then, the panel that reviewed the report in 1968 states "although the precise path of the bullet could undoubtedly have been demonstrated by complete dissection of the soft tissue between these two cutaneous wounds, there is no reason to believe that the information disclosed thereby would alter the significant conclusions expressed in this report" What a kiss off, this statement opens at least 30 questions in my mind. And says nothing except "you should have dissected the neck and didn't".

Dr. Humes states categorically on page 2802 that "there was no interference with our autopsy" What does he mean "as ordinary as it could be under the circumstances"? It was a zoo in there and Oliver Stone's JFK portrays this graphically. Then, he has the pressure of Admiral Berkeley standing at his shoulder telling him to **hurry up**, Mrs. Kennedy is waiting to take her husband home, Humes folds and bends to the pressure. Too bad. What a shame. AFIP would never have put up with this.

It is sad but amusing that in 1968, a panel reviewed Dr. Humes and Boswell and very politely didn't ruffle any feathers and Dr. Humes was elated. Then in 1977, The HSC on Assassinations appointed a panel to review the autopsy and in a book written in 1989 Dr. Humes got his hands slapped and responds like a child. Instead of accepting the slap for a bungled job, he rebels against the criticism. (your JAMA article reveals this).

Dr. Lundberg, in giving these two men space in your publication, you have once again allowed the public to be denied access to the bunglers of the autopsy. You have once again given them a platform to spill the same old inconsistent irresponsible verbiage they have been spilling for years. only now, they are beginning to slip up. If Dr's Humes and Boswell are so confident, then why haven't they faced the public themselves.? The truth is, they don't dare.

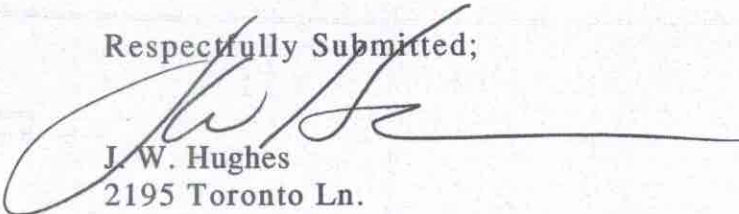
Never will questions be satisfied until these two go public and the chains of restriction are removed from the mountains of material denied the nation that loved their President, *John Fitzgerald Kennedy*.

Instead of supporting Dr's Humes and Boswell, it would seem more appropriate for your Medical Journal to support the Legislation attempting to have this information unlocked. We ramble about the Idiots that make these two men suspect. These two men make themselves suspect. They will only talk to organizations or persons that will shield them. The article published in JAMA has renewed my drive to open the records. Please help us! Humes and Boswell failed to provide "My President" with a fair, impartial and professional autopsy. Thus, they have denied me information I need to put this matter to rest. Once Dr's Humes and Boswell are willing to face the public they too will restore their reputation and can perhaps also put this matter to rest. I am sure they know this deep down inside.

The American people loved this "President" and until they are told the truth and the doors to the FACTS,PHOTOS and SPECIFICS are opened, "idiots" will continue to **BASH AND BEAT** Humes, Boswell and Uncle Sam. And Rightfully so.

Help us to open these doors, Please.

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