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Hello Harold

*Here is this wretch Baden's
Chapter on HSCA.*

*Note that I gave you ample
margins*

Rush to get the mail

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UNNATURAL DEATH

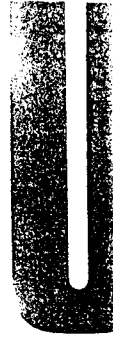
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lage on the retina, but we can see what was he way people die is a reflection of the way and acts of God, most people who are killed— victims of domestic violence—unintentionally selves in dangerous situations. Those of our t wounds frequently have old bullets inside ures. Many of our suicides have old scars on es.”



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From *Unnatural Death*

“At autopsy I am always aware of the capricious random nature of death—an explosion, and someone at the wrong time, a car crash, and a few seconds have made all the difference.

“We can’t see the last image on the retina, but we can see the last breath, the last meal eaten, breathed, injected. The way people die is a reflection of the way they live. Barring accidents and acts of God, most people die because of choices they make. Thieves, drug addicts, adult victims of domestic violence, and people who die in court death by putting themselves in dangerous situations. Many of our clients are people who die of gunshot wounds frequently because of choices they make, from previous adventures. Many of our suicides are people who die because of choices they make, from their wrists from past failures.”

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ed the comfort of resting in
s role in a conspiracy theory.
f barbiturates, a small indus-
d. The brevity of Pope John
thirty-three days in office—
ced him before he could put
edy is said by some to have
ar him and not by the wild
over's death, presumably of
Crawford's death (she was
of suicide. The famous and
st bleed and die the way the
ely plotted dramas. Buried
guises, and news of their
disbelief. In 1979 Dr. Josef
z, drowned in Brazil, where
was identified unequivocally

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he is alive. There are reports
"real" Dr. Mengele.
scrutinized with a view to the
he shadow. The hero cannot
ed life demands a memorable
e must be a plot to bring him
ight around the world, disap-
ween New Guinea and How-
and dark tales of espionage
ssance mission and the Japan-
me people think she is still a
e. She got lost and ran out of
om her plane. Without this
at would have directed her to

ulation doesn't stop. On the
s were used as evidence that
l highly suspicious that there
; where they are usually found
only in her bloodstream. This
wallowed the pills; therefore,
resupposed a second person.
cess of absorbing liquids into
ple than in others. Alcohol,
absorbed after Monroe lost
ible that the toxicologists did
lly as they might. They were
d it's difficult to say what they

e properly, that only the ones
distinction is really between
deaths are autopsied compe-

natural deaths that are per-
those of public figures are

ing, Jr., the question arose
murder all by himself. Ray
finally caught, and he was
a complex job and escaped
essec medical examiner in
opsy), waited to get permis-
1. When there is a murder,
rests of society demand an

isco appeared overwhelmed
The bullet went through
isco didn't trace the gunshot
attempt to identify the black
source of much speculation.
d have meant that King was
than a foot away. Ray was
run of the John F. Kennedy
as a second shooter and Ray
eone standing next to King
otel shot him at close range.
g's death, as part of my work
assassinations (I headed the
it a slide with the black stuff
go that specializes in identi-
e, with the light coming up
ook alike. They are just black
identified the black stuff not
ly what it should have been
ng with a .30-06 soft-nosed

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It is lead, and when it strikes
g power.

—the kidnapping and murder
Harry Oakes in 1943 in the
Kennedy—the autopsies, which
of the day, were forensic
attributed to a fractured skull.
Symposium, "Forensic Science,
Profession given by the American
fractured-skull diagnosis was
just separation of the unfused
and there was no brain damage.
would cause death. The baby
kidnapping to keep him from
nurse who were all in nearby

in the world and a confidant
discovered lying in a burning
the body had been moved after
from his ears toward his nose,
in his capacity of governor of
Oakes's killer was never identified.
found not guilty.

have solved these murders.
facts, and anyway, there seems
and deaths of famous people.
facts surrounding the death. We
part of the process of finding

But, President Kennedy's is the
that conspiracy theories would
have been so many errors and

been done properly. From the
 and secrecy and papered over
 Suspicion was created simply
 the door to grassy knolls and
 ne wanted to present. It fed a
 : FBI, the CIA, the Mafia, the
 ot that was the culmination of
 d accept the myth of the Lone
 assassin.
 : medicine, more cynical and
 we, were skeptical of the clumsy
 ey thought it was sinister, that
 ioned. At the very least, such
 d the truth. Taking it one step
 of the conspiracy—it was delib-

d elaborate theories but were
 Kennedy family controlled access
 National Archives, and rarely
 policy that generated even more
 or film of the assassination (the
 nalyzed, sequence by sequence.
 up each frame; a shadow of a
 rk figures lurked on the fringes.
 ackward instead of forward after
 id, they reasoned, from the Texas
 : the killer, Lee Harvey Oswald,
 ld have forced the head forward.
 id, JFK was shot from the front,
 one from the grassy knoll. This
 ng. They left out of their calcula-
 ly was riding in. Beyond that, the

*all of this is to get
 me to understand*

to understand

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force of the bullet would just forward as backward. It's not

committee on Assassinations to was asked to take charge of the seemed a panel of eight other could have more credibility than 100,000 medical-legal autopsies. cases—the Cubans, the Mafia, the

there were rumblings within the autopsy was a disaster, and that one it, was not trained for it. In a gunshot wound. The leading who later served on my committee was forthright, outspoken, on this matter. It was a secret autopsy for the job, he said, but he didn't know his peers knew. His complaint to pathologists, even though they were self-serving for making it. Respected chief medical examiner H. J. Hensley, suggested in an interview that in competent MEs to assist the country were in Baltimore, and Earl Rose, the Dallas coroner, was the result of the interview, Hensley's list of lecturers to the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (a training program for pathologists).

brought to Parkland Hospital were television clips of Earl Rose, speaking at the bridge, saying no one should remove the body, and the

of the way or he would be run

r the body. Murder was a state
ren moved, but in this situation
es. At that early stage, no one
lon Johnson was also in danger.
illas and back in Washington.
d refused to leave without it.
lly pushed Rose out of the way
d that the Dallas police might
the body illegally.

ed the body of the President.
medical and autopsy reports,

It had not occurred to the
rtly after the assassination to
ld contribute anything to the
—Chief Justice Earl Warren,
sentative Gerald R. Ford, and
eciation of forensic medicine
unaware that there were two
d the forensic one, or that it
ow the difference between an
didn't know the difference,
ologist, and one could do as
of the questions that the
red in 1964 were still un-
em: to pinpoint where the
their trajectories. Did they
m the grassy knoll in front?
gle bullet have gone through
d emerged "pristine"? How
y shooter?
to begin at the beginning.

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ed into question every bit of
ing to one scenario, during the
entrance wounds were altered
everyone about the direction
iginal autopsy report, photo
n the National Archives and
numbers of people that would
tasks and the extraordinary
ligence, so lacking in all other
eded to pull off these delicate
ave them remain secret.

ine whether the photographs
Kennedy. A number of doctors
h his old skull X rays. They
e, our forensic dentist, identi-
l at having X rays of the head
e Kennedy jaw was the source
him, they said. We compro-
part of the jaw, showing the
was the only thing the family
s written.

alized that everything wasn't
noved during the autopsy and
were the microscopic slides of
issue is hardened. They had
e had made a deliberate effort
ost important things, all the
thought perhaps the missing
at Arlington, but an exhuma-
d not been enthusiastic about
minder. The location of the
appearance is not particularly

way of vanishing into doctors' to Einstein's brain. In the Harlem Hospital for a stab to get his medical records and . The administrator had put appeared.

Naval Hospital at about 7:35 he chief pathologist, was not he had never done one like him. He explained that he and he had to follow orders; irals that you are unqualified Colonel Pierre Finck, the head Institute of Pathology, was ed, knew about bullet holes. lone an autopsy involving a : he had been in charge of el who had died of gunshot lly trained in what they were 't offer guidance because it . When Finck didn't speak,

nderstood, he told us, that He was just supposed to find ad hit the President in the ed so obliquely that Humes w, he absorbed it from the n him any orders. Talking he Vietnam body counts— It wasn't necessary to spell the body had been brought o accommodate the wishes

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old us, that the Kennedys were not
le also knew that religious Catholics
e was not in a position to press the
mirals, and cabinet members milled
mander, seemingly had no control
re to please his superiors. He felt it
he wounds and decided to rely on
se fractures and the fragments thus
port, "tax satisfactory verbal descrip-
tographs and roentgenograms which
is there, the corpsman who usually
irrhotic livers and other diseases. He
the attention of an FBI agent, who
arance. "Clearance?" said the corps-
ok away his camera, exposed all the
d film is in the archive.) "We've got
31 agent said. The FBI photographer,
quandary as Humes. He had never
s untrained in photographing gunshot
roper photograph would have shown
cleaned off, next to a ruler to give
the body. None of his pictures clearly
ids. The photographs of the body's
e to know at what level you want to
take pictures of any internal organs.
posed to rely on, his own descriptive

onflicting purposes, the autopsy itself
e President was buried, no one, either
l at both sides of the body, front and
entered the back and exited the throat.
Kennedy over and never saw the back

fter the President was lying

massive head wound, a back
stymied, did not call Dallas
s had been performed that
ed at Bethesda. Therefore,
performed through the exit
ident had been shot in the
ces saw the entrance wound
e throat wound, where the
e so-called "pristine" bullet
one knew that until later.)
ll inside the body. Nothing
the bullet had entered the
of the same hole it entered.
rough the body, the track
ck out. He couldn't under-
ther. (The Connally bullet
Kennedy head bullet was
had struck the windshield

topsy. He spent the rest of
the mortician embalm the
ould reasonably have taken
ake eight hours, and this
ed until you work out the
. Humes explained that he
r the body.

ut he didn't stay to write
the previous night (Friday,
ed. He also had to take his
ning.

. he noticed there was a

[Faint, illegible handwritten notes or bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]

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ined with blood. Humes was a
xes, and the blood disturbed him.
n Lincoln's birthplace in Illinois
n taken from Ford's Theatre. It
ht how unseemly it was for Lin-
was deeply concerned about the
committee, "The original notes
our late President, I felt, were
one in that condition. I felt that
ie value of that type of material,
was only one thing to do, and he
notes added to the paranoia, the

are it is all over the
discovered & published out of
body chart!

if he did not believe
his H's in testimony -
youth he did the best of his
I have + published receipts
in his notes

d have been done when the body
spoke to Dr. Malcolm Perry, one
edy in Parkland Hospital, and
the bullet hole in the throat. The
was a bullet hole in the throat at
tomy. He now realized that the
ind, and he understood that he
: it had gone into Kennedy's back
oo late to trace the bullet track,
mory. The Warren Commission
k and moving downward and out
photographs show the wound to
tly upward. Fifteen years later at
saying he didn't have any photo-

He had the body chart, the
Zaden know, and it is
accidents.

t from Saturday afternoon until
he could under difficult circum-
:d from his original notes. Since
o Dallas, he incorporated some

LH was dead,

s. The result was an autopsy
 commission. Bullets weren't
 asurements were inaccurate,
 ights and measures of body
 is weighing 650 grams—one
 in life. An adult liver weighs
 pancreas, the prostate—were
 separated from the breast-
 rgans. The entire neck area
 reason why Humes couldn't
 hair from around the head
 ounds were photographed

*1 false. He saw fragments
 in the X-rays.*

resident was his Addison's
 bilitated by it had surfaced
 nd the family wanted it to
 had an easier time keeping
 ght to know every intimate
 gue. Civilians, such as the
 be controlled, but the mili-

*maybe his family but no reason
 to believe JFK was noted by it*

enal cortex, the glands that
 ectrolyte balance of sodium
 : weakness, weight loss, and
 ou take cortisone to replace
 : causes odd fat deposits—
 them both, but Addison's
 nor are the adrenal glands.
 sked Commander Humes
 ify before the committee.
 r mattered, his feelings of
 nent for the record about

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...nt any mention of any diseases that
...veral doctors had treated Kennedy
...tuitary gland, the gland at the base
He had had a number of sets of X
...en reports. The adrenals were very

*all the additions had been
published years ago, post-
autopsy by Dr. John Nichols*

... the four-inch miscalculation. The
... to neck, but Humes was confused
...d adhered to the scalp. He placed
...an it actually was, near the neck

nonsense. He is looking for Humes

...rong reasons, Humes came to the
...een shot by two bullets from be-
...ck. They were in the wrong place
...most important things right.

...e hindered by not having all the
...ad X rays of some things, pictures
...ll others. We also had Kennedy's
...ound bullet hole in the back. The
...d, but helpful. They showed the
...on the skin surrounding the en-
...the clothes were torn. That was
...wound had been distorted by the
...shes the skin out), but the clothes
...ars on the tie and shirt collar that
...k like little cuts.

and Post mortem.

...he X rays and saw the entrance
...res of the wound yielded more
...hree dimensions they showed the
...the back of the skull that an
...—the cerebrum—was injured by
...ened if the bullet had been four

e. Humes had placed the
 cowlick was right in the
 ries to center his picture.
 t from X rays of the skull
 iece of bone which came
 skull fragments had been
 gton, X-rayed, and later
 ie and a half inches, was
 student walking his dog
 ok it home to his father,
 graphed. At a party, the
 he story got back to the
 nt, who was saving the
 a piece of cotton in a
 archive, along with the
 od enough for purposes

not FBI

he President from the |!

me to Washington to
 s was the mystery sur-
 ough two people—into
 /'s back (he was sitting
 bove his right armpit,
 below his right nipple,
 the radius bone above
 id finally part way into
 et. Connally was con-
 with a separate bullet

smashed it.

Mannlicher-Carcano
 ity with the Geneva

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ilitary ammunition is made with
bullet will not break up inside the
and suffering. Police ammunition
so that when it hits a body the
. It doesn't go through the body
t could not have performed the
: to accomplish so much because
e through Kennedy, it did not
uck a very thin bone—a rib—
The only bone of substance it
r which it was almost spent and
left thigh. It was found on a

rooter on the grassy knoll called
: was damaged; it is flat on one
cluded that the bullet matched
conspiracy buffs. They scoffed
e it matched, they said; it was
re into thinking Oswald was the
- Oswald's weapon, but it really
ioned his marksmanship; it had
to resolve that question.
inally's thigh bone? If it had, it
e stretcher. In one of the X rays
metal adjacent to the femur.
: bullet had come in and hit the
s deep and into bone doesn't
: made the same mistake with
ad retraced its steps and fallen
rop out of the same hole unless
Connally's X rays, it looked as
ne. But the X ray was a lateral
on it. In the archive is another

Virtually 100% of all ammo is
jacketed. The difference is how & with
what it's jacketed. Military ammo
then had a harder & thicker
jacket. I think the last alloy we
also was harder but these bullets
did "break up" & they did deform.
Compared to what? It is hard, it is
not as thin as he suggests & it
does mark bullets but 399 did NOT
have even microscopic marks

fracture does not raise in destruction
It is not "flat on one side". It is
slightly flattened at the base
That it was fired in that rifle is not dis-
puted. The real question is when fired
nobody ~~was~~ ever said this. Fabrication

But no metal was missing from the
jacketed nose & almost none from
the base, so how could it have been
left behind in the knoll?

early not in bone. It's just
bullet, its energy gone by
only half an inch of it went
have fallen out and landed

that had been found on the
oved from Connally's wrist

We took it, together with
pecial laboratory in Califor-
technique for finding trace
an distinguish between two
content in the bullet found
nally's wrist matched per-
with a core of 99 percent
senic, nickel, platinum, and
like fingerprints.

hat I could only resolve by
medical records, the bullet
vertical scar. I thought the
bullet, it would have gone
irst. After leaving Kennedy,
nbling bullet, and tumbling
strike edgewise. I needed to

he presidency. He came to
nd agreed to let me examine
le was an impressive-looking
ved as if he had important
fident. Connally wasn't too
ger, why should I be allowed
yes, but it was awkward.
His wife, Nellie, was there,
ic of a good friend in Corpus

not so I think 2" and it was
actually close to the femoral artery.
This is why Dr. Malcolm Perry was in-
volved at that point in JBC's case

Feder - more than one the doc was,
went on all these weeks during in
cleaning the wound.

Baden had nothing to do with, it was
not sent, it was hand carried by the
National Archives & it was not for a
lab, but did NAA's let Dr. Vincent
Guinn.

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o a friend of Reed's and a connection made things less uncomfortable his clothes.

two-inch-long sideways entrance second shooter but by the same edy. I wanted to see the thigh bring myself to ask him to take p was not close enough for that, lane to catch.

id been in Dallas, and he knew. ind, and then he was shot. This missed both him and Kennedy y thinks the first shot hit the

had been one shooter, Oswald; wounds. There was no entrance illed by a lone assassin. Forensi-

f the Committee on Assassina- didn't think a single bullet could questioned and poked at every should. I thought he was only ad a theory of his own and he

estigating organized crime, and He had been immersed in the t it—*Racket Bureaus*, and three *tion of Organized Crime*. The ee became important in further- hearings, he published *The Plot* hard N. Billings, the editorial g our progress in 1979.) Blakey d in the book building and an

I think this is much longer than
than it was measured at the time.
He makes this up to ignore the best
record, that it was a "one-cell" "change-
ted" & that does not mean a "sideways
entrance" which cannot be established
"Tumbling" is all that can be said.
Bull! Pix & X-rays refute it doctor's descriptions

re two shooters, the assassination
re had a theory that linked it to
vidence came from a Dallas police
motorcycle cop. The cop had inad-
t the time of the shooting. The
ed because it had another homi-
o it and found it indecipherable.
len, when the investigation was
t coming up with any forensic
key resurrected it. He wanted a

cs experts who were famous in
lixon tapes. They couldn't make
in a pair of acoustics professors
y interpreted the static on the
finite gunshot sounds and a 70
th shot came one second after
e four shots was eight seconds.
h the rifle he used, to have fired
ere was a second shooter—and

re to reveal. From the sound
the experts said they could tell
vectors were going straight to
tened to the tape, too, but all
e.

were being broadcast live on
ee staff prepared for the next
in my opinions, and the staff
an informal doctoral examina-
no script, either. I had already
again, following the acoustics
at my forensic evidence was

*crazy?
fake? malfunctioning microphone
false, all are taped & discorced*

*They certainly did - and he was
! They, sitting next me, while he
heard the Queen's screams, do not
no more than confirm in her work
all of this also wrong*

*? My recollection not clear but I think
They did not say this new shot was last.*

*He knows they did not list in to static.
static. They analyzed the sounds
scent if really it they did not
say that shot was to the head,
Blaney said it missed*

*I do not recall his last young ~~Q~~
That last day but may be he did*

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onsistent with" is one of those
ld be possible. It is used a lot
stand when evidence can be
ey wanted me to say was that
resident. I didn't believe that.
absolutely nothing from that

re I was due to testify, Blakey
scratched me. I have always
time for me if I had been more

ecame the basic scientific evi-
led that 70 percent was a high
rth shot. The members' will-
er compelling reasons—non-
evidence they wouldn't have
e members were not particu-
nce. Before I testified, I was
stions to them so they would
ra.

ith a hybrid theory. It con-
ind by Oswald, that two of
that a fourth bullet was fired
ll and also missed him. The
the FBI with a mandate to
tened to the tape too, but
mandate.

anged. On the twenty-fifth
ld conspiracy theories were
e public all over again, as if
went on thinking what they

False