

AUTOPSY DESCRIPTIVE SHEET

NMS PATH-8 (1-53)

AUTOPSY

DATE 4-21-68 HR. STARTED _____ HR. COMPLETED _____

NAME: _____ RANK/RATE _____

DATE/HOUR EXPIRED: _____ WARD _____ DIAGNOSIS _____

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: RACE: _____ Obtain following on babies only:

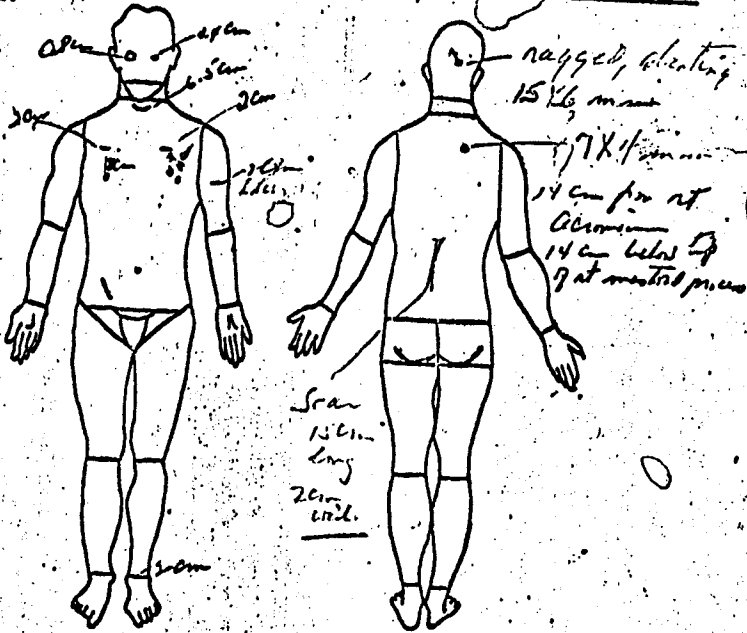
Height _____ in. Weight _____ lb. Hair _____ Color _____
 Color eyes _____ Pupil (D) _____ mm, I.S. _____ mm
 Crown-rump _____ in.
 Crown-heel _____ in.
 Circumference, Chest _____ in.
 Lead _____ in.
 Abd. _____ in.

WEIGHTS: (Gross, unless otherwise specified)

LUNG, RT. 330 KIDNEY, RT. 137.5 ADRENALS, RT. _____
 LUNG, LT. 290 KIDNEY, LT. 140 ADRENALS, LT. _____
 BRAIN _____ LIVER 150 PANCREAS _____
 SPLEEN 90 HEART 50 THYROID _____
 THYMUS _____ TESTIS _____ OVARY _____

HEART MEASUREMENTS: A 7.5 cm. P 9 cm. T 1.2 cm. M 10 cm.
 LVM 1.5 cc. RVV 4 cc.

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NMS # A 63 #272 DATE 11-22-63 HR. STARTED _____ HR. COMPLETED _____

NAME: _____ RANK/RATE _____

DATE/HOUR EXPIRED: _____ WARD _____ DIAGNOSIS _____

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: RACE: _____ Obtain following on babies only:

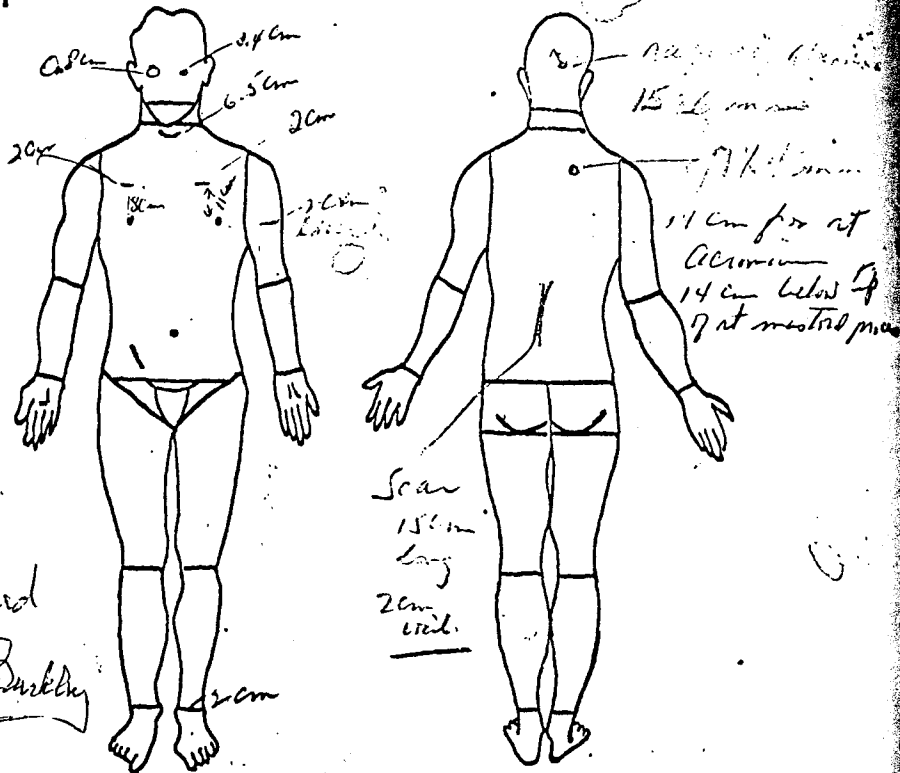
Height _____ in. Weight _____ lb. Hair _____ Color _____
 Crown-rump _____ in.
 Crown-heel _____ in.
 Color eyes _____ Pupils: Rt _____ mm, Lb. _____ mm
 Circumference: Head _____ in. Chest _____ in.
 Abd. _____ in.

WEIGHTS: (Grams, unless otherwise specified)

LUNG, RT. ~~300~~ 320 KIDNEY, RT. 1305 ADRENALS, RT. _____
 LUNG, LT. ~~280~~ 290 KIDNEY, LT. 140 ADRENALS, LT. _____
 BRAIN _____ LIVER 150 PANCREAS _____
 SPLEEN 90 HEART 50 THYROID _____
 THYMUS _____ TESTIS _____ OVARY _____

HEART MEASUREMENTS: A 7.5 cm. P 7 cm. T 12 cm. M 10 cm.
 LVM 1.5 cm. RVW .4 cm.

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 G. B. Burkley*



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24 November 1963

C-E-R-T-I-F-I-C-A-T-E

I, James J. Humes, certify that I have destroyed by burning certain preliminary draft notes relating to Naval Medical School Autopsy Report A63-272 and have officially transmitted all other papers related to this report to higher authority.

J. J. Humes
 J. J. HUMES
 CDR, MC, USN

accepted and approved this date

George S. Burkley

Rear Adm MC USN

Physician to the President

This is the original of Humes' certificate that he burned a draft of the autopsy report. It is not the same as the copy printed by the Commission, 17H48, which does not include the handwritten approval of Dr. Burkley. Indeed, what can be said when the President's physician certifies that he accepts and approves the burning of evidence in the crime! See p. 261.

This certificate has led to the myth, propagated by Arlen Specter, that Humes burned his autopsy notes. "The record is plain," Specter told U.S. News and World Report, 10/10/66, "that there had been a series of notes taken by Dr. Humes at the time of the actual performance of the autopsy which had been destroyed." Specter knew better, since he put this certificate (absent the Burkley endorsement) into evidence and had it confirmed by Humes (2H373). As the certificate on the next page makes clear, the "autopsy notes" were preserved. What Humes burned he alternately described as "preliminary draft notes" (above) and "that draft" of the autopsy report later revised, (2H373).

Having been assured by Humes that the first draft of the autopsy report had been destroyed forever by burning, Specter asked not a single question, not even the simple, indispensable question: Why? On this the Commission's record is barren. Specter, however, would like the public to believe otherwise. He now claims Humes "explained his reasons (for burning) fully before the Commission"—in his testimony.



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I, James J. Humes, certify that all working papers associated with Naval Medical School Autopsy Report A63-272 have remained in my personal custody at all times. Autopsy notes and the holograph draft of the final report were handed to Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Medical School, at 1700, 24 November 1963. No papers relating to this case remain in my possession.

J. J. Humes
J. J. HUMES
CDR, MC, USN

Received above working papers this date.

J. H. Stover, Jr.
J. H. STOVER, JR.
CAPT, MC, USN
Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Medical School
National Naval Medical Center

Accepted and approved this date.

George S. Burkley
Rear adm MC USN

Physician to the President

This, an original copy, also bears the endorsement of Dr. Burkley absent from the copy published by the Commission. Here Humes makes explicit that he never burned any notes made during the autopsy. "Autopsy notes and the holograph draft of the final report" were preserved and given to Capt. Stover on November 24. Stover must have received all autopsy notes because Humes specifies that "all working papers" of the autopsy were in his possession until the transfer to Stover, after which "no papers relating to this case remain in my possession." With this transmittal, the mysterious story of the missing autopsy notes begins. See pp. 145, 261.

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W. J. B. N.
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