

NATIONAL NAVAL MEDICAL CENTER
BETHESDA 14, MARYLAND

25 November 1963

To: Commanding Officer, National Naval Medical Center
The White House Physician

Subject: Autopsy protocol in the case of John F. Kennedy, Late President
of the United States

1. Transmitted herewith by hand is the sole remaining copy (number eight) of the completed protocol in the case of John F. Kennedy. Attached are the work papers used by the Prosecutor and his assistants.
2. This command holds no additional documents in connection with this case.
3. Please acknowledge receipt.

C. B. GALLOWAY

This letter and the receipt which follows are from CD 371, although neither appears in the Commission's published evidence. When Specter introduced the autopsy papers, CE 397, into evidence, he stated for the record that CE 397 "is the identical document" marked CD 371 "for our internal purposes." (2H373). However, the two documents are not the same because the printed exhibit omits these two pages. Suppression accomplished many purposes, among them making it impossible to trace the chain of possession of the vital autopsy notes.

Many pages of notes made by all three pathologists during the autopsy were preserved and must have been delivered to Dr. Burkley on November 25. Dr. Humes transmitted all papers in his possession to Admiral Galloway on November 24, and here Galloway claims to transmit all papers he has, retaining none. Burkley in turn gave everything he got from Galloway to the Secret Service on November 26, as the following receipt executed that day reveals. And there the trail ends. The Commission's records include but one sheet (two sides) of notes, none of which were made by Humes. See pp. 102-5, 247-8, 251-6. The one sheet published directly contradicts the autopsy findings on a quintessential point, the location of the back wound. One can only guess what the suppressed notes reveal. And one cannot avoid asking why the Commission, charged with evaluating all facts relating to the assassination, did not obtain or publish the missing autopsy notes, and suppressed the receipts documenting their chain of possession. See p. 50.

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

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Protective Research Section
November 26, 1963

Receipt is acknowledged this date, Nov. 26, 1963, of the following items from Dr. George G. Burkley:

One piece of bronze colored material inadvertently broken in transit from casket in which body was brought from Dallas.

One letter - Certificate of Death of John F. Kennedy - State of Texas - dated Nov. 22, 1963.

One carbon copy of letter dated November 26 from Commanding Officer, U. S. Medical School, concerning law and regulations regarding confidential nature of the events.

One receipt dated Nov. 22, 1963, for bed sheet, surgical drapes, and shroud used to cover the body in transit.

One receipt dated Nov. 22, 1963, regarding a carton of photographic film, undeveloped except for X-rays, delivered to PRS for safekeeping.

An original and six pink copies of Certificate of Death (Nav. Med. N)

One receipt from FBI for a missile recovered during the examination of the body.

One letter from University of Texas South West Medical School including report from Dr. Clark and summary of their findings of treatment and examination of the President in the Dallas County Hospital. Said letter of transmittal states that three carbon copies have been retained in that area.

One copy of autopsy report and notes of the examining doctor which is described in letter of transmittal Nov. 25, 1963 by Dr. Gallaway.

Transmittal letter and 7 copies of the above item (autopsy report)

Authorization for post mortem examination signed by the Attorney General and dated Nov. 22, 1963.

Robert I. Boyd

The Commission failed to publish this receipt even though it is supposed to be included as part of a published exhibit, CE 397. The reason is obvious: had it been published, questions would immediately have arisen as to why none of the items included in the list are a part of the Commission's evidence. That the Commission did not obtain these items, readily available to it, is proof that it did not seek the most basic evidence of the crime. The Navy death certificate alone is destructive of the entire official solution to that crime. See pp. 102, 307-8.

drawn, not an objective receipt, was copied for me with 1-5/8 inches of the top of each page missing. (The same amount of copying was eliminated from Rowley's letter and the first receipt.) The bottom of what seems to be the seven capital letters possibly spelling "RECEIPT" barely show at the top of the first. This is the copy supplied me:

Received from the United States Secret Service the following material - Commission Exhibit #397: Subj: 24

- (A) Original copy of sixteen (16) pages of handwritten notes. The first page comprises notes made by Dr. J. J. Humes when he talked with Dr. Malcolm Perry on the telephone. The next fifteen (15) pages comprise the original holographic draft of the Autopsy Protocol described on Pages 372 and 373, Volume 2, Hearings Before the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy. (These sixteen (16) pages are reprinted on pages 43 through 44, Volume XVII, Hearings Before the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy.)
- (B) Original Autopsy Descriptive Sheet. Form NIS Path 8, (1-63). - NIS # A 63 #272. - (1 Sheet) dated November 22, 1963 (1 Sheet written on both sides). Prepared by Dr. Humes as notes actually made in the room when the examination was taking place. (Page 373, Volume 2, Hearings Before the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy.) This sheet is reprinted on Pages 45 and 46, Volume XVII, Hearings Before the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy.
- (C) Original certificate dated 24 November 1963 by Cmdr. J. J. Humes certifying that all working papers associated with NIS Autopsy Report # A 63 #272 were in his custody at all times. Autopsy notes and holographic draft of the final report were handed to the Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Medical School, also certifying that no papers relating to this case remained in his possession. Certificate countersigned by Cpt. J. H. Stever, Jr. This certificate is portrayed on Page 47, Volume XVII, Hearings Before the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy.
- (D) Original certificate dated 24 November 1963 by Cmdr. J. J. Humes certifying that he destroyed by burning certain preliminary draft notes relating to NIS Autopsy Report # A 63 #272 and had transmitted all other papers related to this report to higher authority. This certificate portrayed on Page 48, Volume XVII, Hearings Before the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy.

(Signed) John F. Simmons NNDC
(Date) 10-3-67

With regard to "(A)", that is not "the original holographic draft of the Autopsy Protocol" for, as consultation with the cited source shows, it is the original of the revision of the "draft" (2H373). This

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c) From the left margin of the main defect across the midline antero-laterally for a distance of approximately 8 cm.

d) From the same starting point as (c) 10 cm postero-laterally.

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Humes twice omitted the word "puncture" on this page, once actually replacing it with a word of entirely opposite meaning, "lacerated."