

logical in that crazy world."

Some weeks later the Secret Service came and took away Connally's clothes from Mr. Gonzales and laundered them, so that there was no trace of evidence left of the passage of bullets or their angles.

The removal of the coffin from the hospital is important, because Texas law was violated by not performing an autopsy there. The body was taken to Bethesda Naval Hospital where an "autopsy" was performed under the supervision of the military. There are many discrepancies.

"Do you recall the exact circumstances that they took the coffin out of the hospital? Remember when the Texan coroner tried to stop them?"

"No, he didn't stop them there. What happened was, I think, I saw Mrs. Kennedy, petrified, while we're standing there, and I went over to her. I said 'Mrs. Kennedy, is there anything I can do?' She looked up at me and said 'do you have a cigarette?' I don't smoke so I didn't have any. Then I looked into another little side room, and I saw Pamela Turner, her secretary, and Ms. Lincoln, the President's secretary, and one of them had a cigarette, so I gave it to her. Lit it for her. I said 'Don't you want a glass of water?' And she said 'oh, yes, please....' So then I saw a nurse and I went over to her and asked her to get a cup of water and she did. She brought a cup of water, and I gave it to Mrs. Kennedy. And I came back and stayed, when a man, obviously a doctor, came in, opened the door and left it ajar. I looked, and it was the body, with a white linen sheet coming up to his feet but not covering the soles of his feet. And then it dawned on me. This is that young, vibrant, human being we all loved as John Kennedy. And I began crying, tears coming to my eyes, you

know. They just swelled, and when I looked up again, they'd closed the door.

"Then about ten-fifteen minutes later two men came with plastic, you know, wrap around plastic, which obviously were plastic bags. And they went in there and shut the door. Right before the men came with the plastic bags, this same man that had come into the room before and had left the door open, came back after awhile and went up and whispered something to Mrs. Kennedy. They came over, they went into the room, they left the door ajar, and she reached under and picked up the linen sheet and kissed his hand. And it looked as if she either took or placed a ring on his finger. I couldn't tell very well because then I knew that was it and my tears just came down.

Then she came out and then these three other men came in with the plastic and then finally they wheeled this heavy bronze looking casket in. They brought it into the room, and closed the door. Then they came out. By then, Mrs. Kennedy got up and this fellow Powers, the President's friend, Larry O'Brian, Kenny O'Donnel, and I formed a sort of cortage behind the coffin. We wheeled it out. They had two attendants wheeling it. When they got to the ambulance, not too far, they opened the door and this ambulance had reared in, and the two attendants couldn't lift the coffin, so I ran forward, and I think Larry O'Brian—one of them—ran forward, and between us four we lifted that casket and slipped it into the ambulance. Then Mrs. Kennedy came in and she took a little jump seat in there and sat at the jump seat and they sped off."

This is the man who will head what promises to be the first full and complete investigation of the many terrible murders which have befallen our country.