

Where the Shots Came From

Dallas physicians who treated President Kennedy's throat wound have reversed themselves, calling it an exit instead of an entry wound as they first had said.

Their revised opinion brings them into line with the report of an autopsy made at the United States Naval Hospital at Bethesda, Md., and the FBI's report on the assassination, now in the hands of the special commission headed by Chief Justice Warren. Neither document has yet been made public, but both have been widely leaked to quell suspicions that Lee Harvey Oswald may not have been the only sniper who fired at the President.

Two Secret Service agents called on the Dallas surgeons and obtained the reversal. (No officials had questioned the doctors until that visit.) They did so by showing the surgeons a document described as the autopsy report. It told of another wound, where the right shoulder met the back of the neck, and said the bullet entered there and went out through the front of the throat.

Dr. Robert N. McClelland and Dr. Malcolm Perry, who had originally called the throat wound an entry wound, now agree that the shot came from behind, as did the second shot, which struck Governor John Connally, and the third, which tore a gaping hole in the back of the President's head. Dr. McClelland has explained the original estimate by pointing out that the doctors in Dallas had charge of the President only 22 minutes, that they were concerned with trying to save his life rather than trace the courses of the bullets, and that they had no time for a complete examination and no knowledge of the circumstances of the shooting.