

Statements of witnesses - Special Agent CLINTON J. HILL, undated, Vol. 18,
pp. 740-5.

The first two pages do not relate to the assassination. His account of it begins in the middle of the first paragraph of the third page. He saw the President had been hit by the first shot, and he jumped off the followup car and ran toward the Presidential car. He heard a second shot and saw the President slump more to his left. As he jumped on the back of the car, Mrs. Kennedy "turned and raised out of her seat as if she were reaching to her right rear toward the back of the car for something that had blown out. I forced her back into her seat and placed my body above President and Mrs. Kennedy. SA Greer had, as I jumped onto the Presidential automobile, accelerated ... I heard ASAIC Kellerman call SA Lawson on the two-way radio ~~and many of the other agents whose~~ ^{...."} ~~primary responsibility~~

The next paragraph begins, "As I lay over the top of the back seat I noticed a portion of the President's head on the right rear side was missing ... I saw a part of his skull with hair on it lying in the seat." Note that here again an Agent noticed parts of the President's body missing. He also noticed Mrs. Kennedy reaching for something "that had blown out".

Other statements when I find them will show that a piece of the President's skull or scalp was found on Elm Street the next day and apparently wasn't looked for until then. There have been no other references I have seen to the piece that Hill noticed in the car.

Although Hill devotes more time to the assassination than any of the other agents thus far, he gives it over half a page in the 5-1/2 pages of his report.

He confirms Kellerman on the time of the call to Washington, placing it at 12:39 p.m.

He was one of those who accompanied the President's body to Bethesda. "At approximately 2:45 a.m., November 23, I was requested by ASAIC Kellerman to come to the morgue to once again view the body. When I arrived the autopsy had

been completed and ASAIC Kellerman, SA Greer, General McHugh and I viewed the wounds. I observed a wound about six inches down from the neckline on the back just to the right of the spinal column ..."

First, note that the autopsy was completed 2:45 a.m. November 23, yet the autopsy report printed by the Commission refers to the contents of the Washington Post for that morning. It is not impossible that the newspaper had reached the hospital, but it should certainly be improbable that men engaged upon such a mission had time to read it. Hence, this would indicate that the autopsy report was not prepared immediately upon the completion of the autopsy itself.

The autopsy report (Commission report, p.538) is itself undated. It and says "Date/hour autopsy performed" and in this form the following is typed in: "22 November 1963 2000 (EST). Testimony of Cdr. Humes, Vol. 2, is that he completed the autopsy examination at 11:00 p.m. and the report was done about 48 hours after the assassination.

Note that Hill places the time of arrival of the body at the hospital at just before 7 o'clock. In Humes' testimony we later learned the intervening time was used for X-rays and photographs. The autopsy report says it was "performed" at 8 o'clock, which I believe refers to the commencement, and Hill says it was completed at 2:45 a.m. on the 23rd.

Note also what may be extremely significant because it is the only eye-witness account in plain English I have seen of the actual location of the President's back wound. This location of 6 inches down from the neck line, while general and vague, is certainly not in conformity with the charts prepared at the Naval Hospital, nor does it seem to be in conformity with the medical language used in the autopsy report. It is only slightly at variance with the description of the location of the hole in the President's shirt and the hole in the President's jacket.