Prospectivo witnesses- Dallas doctors
Autopsy doctors

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When you seked for my suggestions, you specified doctors. Therefore, I make no mention of nurses or others, as for example Price, who is used effectively by Thompson (and here I think accurately) and, as I recall, by CHS. Price could be a good witness in a number of non-madical areas having to do with the acute defects of the investigation, beginning immediately. If you are interested in the nurses, some of whom have had more experience with gunshot wounds then many doctors, the chapter "The Doctors and the Autopsy" of WHITEWASPE perhaps part 2 of WW IL (you have index), will guide you.

Those I'd recommend would be determined by the number you went. I presume you cannot call all of them, so I limit my recommendation to four:

Shires, because he can prove conspiracy by reading the X-rays he ordered of Connelly, post operative. What I have in WHITEMASH is quite accurate, despite the whoring around and misrepresentation by the AP-Gavzer and Moody. He discovered a metal fragment remaining in the chest. Poor, overburdened Bullet 399 just could not spare that additional fragment, no matter how tiny. He was in charge of Connelly's case after surgery, therefore, aside from the surgery, he is the main madical man on Connelly. Specter was careful to keep him every from the manber cambers, perhaps for this chest-fragment reason. Examination might disclose others. He has the advantage of not having been led through the Specter hanky-panky before the Commission. I think there is little doubt he would cost medical disapproval on the whole single-bullet contrivence, which means conspiracy. He also spent a long time with Connelly, presumbably when no one else was around and when Connelly was under and was first out of anesthesis.

Perry, who is an attractive and perconable young men, who also perjured himself. e told me that the bullet did cause lung damage and the rear non-fatal, from what the Bethesda doctors told him, was two inches down on the back. How persussive he will be with his past before the Commission I do not know. You have a memo on my interview, I think. He will testify with pride about the special kind of inconspicuous incision he made for the insertion of the tube. It was not the normal vertical alit such "experts" as Helpern assume. It was accross the neck, bizarre twist that this is, for commetic resears. Upon healing it is just like enother fold in the skin and is invigible. "ealing? But that is the kimi he made. He will testify to two calls from Betheads, not the one umes testifed to, end that it would not have been a bit unusual for the Betheads doctors to have called him at night rather than after they completed their autopay exemination, while they still had the body. If you use him and Kemp Clark both, you cen wind up with a perjury and subornation of perjury business (the latter if you also use Humes)

Clerk did testify that Perry did know what the autopsy would say and therefore asked him to take over the Saturday press conference. His letter to Burkley was altered at some point prior to publication in the Commission's evidence. It should be subpensed, as should every original hospital record, including Oswald's autopsy and the pictures of it. Shires just might have some Connelly pictures, of the hospital might. It was a Presidential assessination, he was a very important man in the State in his own right. The question never arose is fore the Commission, naturally....Going along with this, would it not be nice to subpens Specter? Can he plead executive privilege for what became a public investigation with publication of the testimony? Oh, boy, would it is to question him! Aside from the evidence of the actual shooting that you could get from Clark, what do you think the jury would think when they learn his letter to the President's physician was altered before publication? It is visible if you have forgotten WHITEWASH. Just look at Exhibit 392.

as the cause of death "gunshot wound to the left templi". Here I encourage you to forget all the crap Mark he seem dighing out about what the Eaprider film shows, for it shows no such thing. That he says may make a sensation, but it just isn't true. There is abundant reason for believing there was a left-head wound, like I've already cited with Altgans. Read what I say about McClailand in MHITEMASH. Specter also did not produce him before the Commission. To didn't dere. The indications are McClalland would not tack down on this. Specter never asked him about it! Instead he let the record stand. Then asked if there was enything he'd said he'd want to change, McClalland said there was not. He would not back down. There is a young doctor who can corroborate him, if that is necessary, but he was then very junior. He was nover a Commission witness. I found out about him by accident. I have him in POST MORIAM. McClalland, remember, was standing at the head and looking right down on it, the only doctor to do this.

Through these doctors, all except Perry being senior on the staff, I think you can do an additional thing that is inherent in some of my other memos, get a large number of pictures not in the Commission evidence in your evidence and public. I do not know, but I believe there must be Connelly pictures. I know there are Osweld pictures. With Cawald, as I do in unpublished POST MORTEM, it is even possible to build a case for "ack Fuby not) bing the immediate dauge of death. Hubert's deposition of Bieberderff, the medical student who was the jail first-sid men, is a classic of untsinted incompetence. He gas renteed Osweld would be dead by the "treatment", If you are interested, I will go into this with you. Briefly, the effect of Sieberderff's "treatment" was to make it impossible for Cavald to talk- and he did, indeed, try?

I will do a separate memo on the autopsy doctors. However, I want to re-emphasize that if you take their testimony before the Warren Commission and do nothing but displicate it in court, using Humes, Perry and Clark, you will have a perjury case and probably one of subornation. This, too, is in THITEWASH, the chapter "The Doctors and the Autopsy". I sent both "umes and Ecswell copies of THITEWASH, solicited their comment, asked for interviews, and they were and have been publicly 100% silent.

Aside from Perry, who could not be evoided, the doctors who got the major attention before the Commission were Shew and Gregory. They did the major surgery on Connelly. They never did say that 399 could have done what Spectar attributed to it (again I refer you to that some chapter of MHITEWASH. But they will have to resist you because of the use made of them. They actually said 399 could not have had its imputed history. They were saked to conjecture about any bullet but that, could one bullet have caused these wounds, regardless of what this did to the bullet. Specter left that bit out. I think they will not be as amenable to constructive testimony as Shires, McClelland and Clark.

Returning to Frice, if you have forgetten, he would testify that, when Tomlinson gave him the bullet from underneath the mattrees, he, in turn, could not interest eny federal agent in it. If there is a charge of possession from Temlinson to the witness stend, it does not exist in the evidence or the Report. I publish the story of how the Secret Service in Washington learned about it and got it in PHITEWASH II. It was in an agent's pocket and he aeglected to report having it! Note also that when each of the hospital employees involved was asked to prepare a statement, immediately, there is none printed (Price exhibits) for Tamlinson. So, all the original copies of all the original statements and all other records should be subpensed. Could Price testify to Tomlinson's, having been the one who provided them to the Commission's Tomlinson will Worried, was or be lad to worry, about perjury.

Also, please bear in mind the car was washed at the hospital. Same Chapter, elso white ASH II. To a Wicker, NYTimes Washington Bureau Chief, still has his original notes of prong a bucket of bloody water by the car.