[1] fragments in this piece where bullet emerged from
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[2] skull."
[3] Do you see those?
14] A: Disclosed minute metal fragments. Going
[5] back to my 302, that probably comes back to here on
16] page five, where it states:
(7) "This section of skull was X-rayed.At
[8] which time, it was determined by Dr. Hurnes that one
[9] part of this section revealed minute medical -
[10] metal particles.And inspection of this same area
[11] disclosed a chipping of the top portion of this
[12] piece. Both of which indicated that this had been
[13] the point of exit, etc."
[14] Now, as I say, I don't understand. This
[15] FD 302 hadn't been dictated yet on the 23 rd. That
[19] was dictated on the 26th, if you notice -
[17] Q: Yes.
[18] A: -on the front page there.And as I
[19] explained the delay there, the day of mourning and
[20] that we had checked, did they want it dictated
[21] Sooner? And they said no.
[22] Q: Now, I'm not aware - and I don't know the

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[1] answer, but it would seem mostly like that either
[2] you or Special Agent O'Neill would be the source of
[3] this information to Baltimore. Do you have any
[4] understanding of who else, besides you or Mr.
(5) O'Neill, could have provided that information?
[曰] A: No. It would have to emanate from the two (7) Baltimore agents, O'Neill and myself, that were [日] there at Bethesda.

Q: Now, there's a reference in this teletype [10] to the skull fragment coming in from the Dallas ${ }^{[11]}$ hospital. Do you recall any discussion at the time ${ }^{[12]}$ of the autopsy to this fragment coming from the [13] Dallas hospital?
[14] A: Rather than the limousine that we were [15 discussing? Well, I don't remember.
[16] Now, Secret Service Agent Kellerman was [17] there and - who was the ranking Secret Service [18] officer. He was the Assistant Agent in Charge of [19] the White House detail.
[20] And maybe when it came in, it would have [21] been given to him by one of his agents and pa something would have been said to him. But I don't
[1] even recall. He could have said something about [ $\triangle$ this. But I don't recall such a statement.
[3] Q: I would like - Mr. Sibert, I'd like to
44] show you a document that we have mariked MI 15, [5] which is a page from the House Select Committee on
[0] Assassinations. And this document purports to show
[ 7 three pieces of skull fragment that arrived in the [8] autopsy room at the night of the assassination.
( $\mathrm{\theta}$ ) First, if you look at the larger piece
[10] that is somewhat triangular shaped, are you able to
[11] tell now whether that looks roughly similar to
[12] the piece that you saw? To the - to the fragment [13] that came in from Dallas?
[14] A: I'm trying to think. But I don't recall
(15) Humes exhibiting that to us there at the autopsy,
${ }^{16}$ that larger piece. And my recollection is, that's
[17] the only piece that came in that night that I'm [18] aware of.
[19] Q: So, you don't remember seeing it during
[20] the autopsy yoursel?
(21] A: I don't remember getting close up, or
22) seeing it in Humes' hand. Maybe I've got a bad
[i] memory, but I do recall receiving the measurements [ 2 from Humes.

Q: And you-Also, from what I understand
${ }^{[4]}$ you're saying, that you don't remember there being
[5] more than one fragment that arrived during the [6] course of the autopsy?
ฤ A : I only remember the one piece being
[8] mentioned.
(9) Q: Okay.
(10] A: This large piece.
Q: Did Dr. Humes make any statement about
${ }^{12}$ ] where the fragment that arrived from Dallas should
${ }^{13}$ properly be placed in the head - from where did it
14] come on the head?
A: No.
Q: Did you ever understand that he attempted
In to put that fragment back into the skull, to
(8) identify where it came from?

A: Only what I've read in one of the issues
20) of JAMA, Journal of American Medical Association.

21] When Humes, Finck, and Boswell were interviewed by
a doctor. I think it mentioned in the article that
(1) they stayed till 5:00 in the morning assisting the
( 2 ) morticians in reconstruction of the head. If I
(3) remember correctly, this was done to prepare the
(4) body for the casket.

During the course of the autopsy, did the
(6] doctors ever discuss the location of an entrance
I7 wound in the skull that you recall?
A: You mean, other than the one there that
(9) went in and that blew out on exit.

Q: Just - The question is whether you heard
if them discuss where - an entry -
A: A separate entrance wound in the skull?
${ }^{31}$ Is that your question?
Q: No. I don't mean -
A: Oh.
© : There may be confusion here. I just mean
7 any discussion at all, right now, about any
\&] entrance wound into the skull.
[19] A: No.
[20] Q: They didn't describe - discuss that, as
i] far as you're aware?
A: No.
[1] Q: Did you ever hear them discuss an exit wound in the skull?
A: None, other than the bullet that entered the back of the skull, then fragmentized before exiting through the top of the skull. Later after (6) the piece of the skull, found in Dallas, was In brought into the autopsy room, Humes after al examination, said that the top of this piece had been the point of exit when it went out of the skull.
[11] Q: Now, I think we may be miscommunicating a [12] litule bit.
${ }^{[13]}$ A: Oh, okay.
[14] Q: Let me go back and just make reference to
(19) Exhibit No. 149. Just - We'll refer to the first
(IIG sentence on the second paragraph, where it says:
[17] Total body X-ray and autopsy revealed one
[18) bullet entered back of the head, and thereafter
(19) emerged through top of skull."
[20] So, now, my question is really no more
[21] complicated than, did you hear the doctors discuss [22] where the bullet wound - or where the bullet

| (1] entered the back of the head? |  |
| :---: | :---: |
| (2) | A: The specific place where it entered? |
| [3] | Q: Yes. |
| (4) | A: I don't recall that. Just that general |
| [5] statement. |  |
| [6] | Q: So, they said it entered the back of the |
| (\% head. |  |
| ${ }^{83}$ A: Yes. |  |
| (9) Q: But nothing more specific. |  |
| [10) A: Correct. |  |
| (11) Q: Did they ever attempt, or did you hear any |  |
| (11) discussion about attempting to measure the size of (13) the entry wound? |  |
|  |  |
| [14] A: No. |  |
| (15) Q: Did you ever hear any discussion about [II beveling of the skull? Sound faviiiar? |  |
|  |  |
| [19 beveling of the skull? Sound faciuar? |  |
| ${ }^{118}$ Q: Did you hear any discussion about the |  |
| [19 estimated size of the bullet that struck the head? |  |
| [ 20 A: No. |  |
| [21] Q: Did you see any of the doctors inse |  |
|  | probes into the head, in an attempt to determine |

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    A: The specific place where it entered?
    Q: Yes.
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    A: I don't recall that. Just that general
    statement.
Q: So, they said it entered the back of the
head.
A: Yes.
A: Correct.
Q: Did they ever attempt, or did you hear any
discussion about attempting to measure the size of
3) the entry wound?
A: No.
Q: Did you ever hear any discussion about
beveling of the skull? Sound faviliar?
A: No.
Q: Did you hear any discussion about the
estimated size of the bullet that struck the head?
A: No.
probes into the head, in an attempt to determine
angle or entry of a bullet into -
A: Into the head?
Q: Yes.
A: No.
Q: Did you ever see any probes used at all
during the night of the autopsy to determine
either depth of the wound or an angle of the - of
the wound?
A: Well, the back wound, a probe was used
there. A chrome probe.
a: Okay.
A: And as I recall, I think Finck used that
chrome probe.
Q: But you don't remember the chrome probe
being used in the head at all?
A: Not in the head area, no.
Q: Was there ever - Did you ever hear any
discussion about the angle in which the bullet hit
the skull?
A: No.
Q: What the measurements would be? We'll get
to the back wound later - but just the skull.
A: No.
Q: Let's turn to what we've been calling the
back wound. When was it first - When, during the
a] course of the autopsy, was it first discovered that
there was a wound in what you've been calling the
back?
A: Well, I don't think it was right at the
initial start of the autopsy. I know it was after
the original incision was made.
But when they raised him up, then they
found this back wound. And that's when they
started probing with the rubber glove and the
finger, and - and also with the chrome probe.
And that's just before, of course, I made
this call, because they were at a loss to explain
what had happened to this bullet. They couldn't
find any bullet.
And they said, "There's no exit." Finck,
ig in particular, said, "There's no exit." And they
said that you could feel it with the end of the
finger - I mean, the depth of this wound.
So, when I made the call and came back,
what had happened to this bullet. They couldn't find any bullet.

And they said, "There's no exit." Finck, in in particular, said, "There's no exit." And they finger I mean, the depth of this wound.

So, when I made the call and came back,

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[1] that's when Dr. Humes brought up the possibility [2] of, through cardiac massage, the bullet had worked (3) its way out over there.
(4] Q: Did Dr. Finck offer a suggestion as to
[5] what he thought the angle of the bullet was when it
${ }_{[6]}$ entered the body?
(7) A: Humes - it's my recollection - was the
[8] one that said it was a 45 - to 60 -degree downward ig angle.

Q: I'd like to show you a document that is
ij marked as MD No. 1, and ask you whether you've seen
(12) it before?
[13] I'll state for the record that it is
[14] generally referred to as the autopsy face sheet,
[19] dated November 22nd, 1963.
[1'6] A: Here's where I've seen it before. Yellow
177 with age.
[18] Q: You're showing us a copy of a newspaper -
(19) A: Yes.
(20) Q: - that you brought with you.
[21] A: And this - this was October the 7th of (22) 1975. And, let's see, that's The Enquirer, I

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[1] guess.
[ a$]$ But this MD 1 which you are showing me [3] must be the same, it has Dr. Burkley's signature (4] here as well as the location of the back scar. So, [5] that's the only other time I saw it in 1975. I (G) don't recall seeing it that night.
(7) Q: Earlier, you said that you recalled Dr.

in are not the drawings that you're referring to; is
(10) that correct?
[11] A: Well, here again, during the course of the
[12] autopsy, I think Boswell was sort of keeping a
[13] record, and probably had this face sheet here and
[14] everything.
[15] But whether this was exhibited to me
[16] during the autopsy - I think my first
[17] recollection is no. The Enquirer article was the
[18] first time I've seen that.
[19] Q: In the newspaper article?
[RO] A: Right.
[21] Q: Could you turn to the second page of
[22] Exhibit No. 1, and tell me whether you recall
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[1] having seen that on the night of the autopsy?
[2] A: No, I don't recall seeing that the night
[3] of the autopsy, or any other time.
[4] Q: Okay. Let me state also for the record
[5] that in deposition testimony both Drs. Humes and
[6] Boswell have identified this as being the face
$[7]$ sheet from President Kennedy's autopsy. And they
$[8]$ have identified the wound marked here, on what
[9] appears to me to be the upper back, as being the
$[10]$ bullet entry wound.
$[11]$ If you could just look at that - the
$[12]$ drawing.Again, this is the right side of the face
$[13]$ sheet on the first page. Does the location of the
$[14]$ - what they've identified as the entrance wound
$[15]$ appear to you to be roughly correct?
$[16]$ A: Yes.
$[17]$ Q: Were you aware of any time during the
$[18]$ autopsy when the chest cavity of Dr. - excuse me
$[19]$ - of President Kennedy was opened in a search for
$[20]$ the bullet that went into the back?
$[21]$ A: I don't recall.
$[2]$ Q: So, for example -
A: As I say, they probed it with the finger
[1] Page 115
[1] and the chrome probe. And that was the statement,
[3] "There's no exit." I don't remember any search
[4] inside the body cavity - chest cavity in there for
[3] the bullet.
[6] Q: Do you remember the chest cavity ever
[] having been opened during the course of the
[8] autopsy, so the internal organs would be exposed?
[9] A: No, I do not remember it being opened.
[19] Q: I'd like to show you a document marked
[11] No. MD 156, which is faint.And I apologize, but
[12] that's the best that we have on that document.
[13] And I'll state for the record, it appears
[14] on its face to be a memorandum, dated November
[15] 26th, 1963, from Special Agents Sibert and O'Neill
[16] to SAC, Baltimore.
[17 A: Yes. This was on the same date that we
[18] dictated the 302 . I don't know what was the basis
[19] whether there was an inquiry, or a call from
[20] headquarters, or what.
[R1] Q: Is this a memorandum that you wrote
[2a] jointly with Agent O'Neill?
[1] A: Yes.
[2] Q: Now, I note on this, in the second
[3] paragraph, it states that - what I understand to
14] be the opinion of Dr. Humes - that the bullet was
[5] still in the President's body, and could only be
[0] extracted through a complete autopsy, which he
[7] proposed to do. Do you recall any discussion of
[8] that issue?
[0] A: No further than what's stated here. I
[19] know that the authority for these autopsy
[11] proceedings was, evidently, coming through Burkley .
[12] and probably from Mrs. Kennedy.
[13] Q: The way - I'd like to characterize this
[14] memo. And please correct me if I'm incorrect in
[15] any part of this.
[16] It's my understanding that, at least at
[17] some point, Dr. Humes felt that he was not able to
[18] identify what happened to the bullet.And that he
[19] then said that he needed to have a more complete
[20] autopsy, which presumably would be opening up the
[21] chest cavity.And that he requested permission for
[2] that, and that permission was subsequently granted
[1] for that.
[2] Is that a reasonably fair characterization
[3] of the -
[1] A: I would think so, yes.
[5] Q: Do you remember, subsequent to - Well,
[0] first, do you remember now what your source of
[7] information was on this? That it's something
[8] Dr. Humes told you; something you witnessed; or
[9] something that someone told you later?
[19] A: Humes didn't tell us this, I know. And it
[11] was pointed out in this memo it said here that
[12] Kellerman and Sibert and O'Neill conferred.
[13] And here again, I don't recall. They
[14] might have - somebody might have said to us,
[15] "Well, from an investigative standpoint, don't you
[19] think this should be done?" And we agreed with
[17 Humes.
[18] But in reading it, as I say, that's hazy,
[19] too.
[20] Q: Now, in this document, Exhibit No. 156,
[21] there is no statement that the full autopsy was
[2] actually done. It simply states that it could be
[1] done, or that permission was given to do that.
Do you recall whether you knew anything
[3] additional, as to whether more of an autopsy was
[4] performed subsequent to this information?
A: Only from what I've read appearing in
Ihese JAMA articles here, where they stated that
they stayed there until the early hours of the
morning - I guess, all three autopsy physicians
(9) did - working with the Gawler's Funeral Home
(10) attendants.
[11] And I'm wondering, too, if not - I'm
(2) trying to place the timing here. Now, I am
(3) recalling. I came back with the Killion statement

14] about the Dallas stretcher bullet. It's in my 302,
5 that when I was told about this bullet being found
ஏ on the stretcher over at Parkland, I relayed this
information to Humes.
[18] Humes said it was clear that - about
( 9 these bullets, and the one in the back had been
01 probably worked out by cardiac manipulation over
11 there at Parkland. That was in my 302. Maybe he
was satisfied then, and decided that was his
1] conclusion. I think that was right towards the $2]$ end, before we gave the receipt for this jar and 13 headed off for the laboratory.
[4] But I think he was convinced in his own [3] mind that that's what had happened. You'd had this [6] head wound. You had also the back wound, there was In no exit. And the bullet, it had been found on the [8] stretcher, and this was assumed to be the same (9) bullet.
[10] Q: Was there any discussion during the part
[11] of the autopsy that you attended related to the
[12] throat wound in the anterior or the front part of
[13] the throat having any connection with any bullet [14] entries or exits?
[15] A: No, not at all. That was taken as a ${ }^{16}$ straight tracheotomy.
[17] Q: Did you see any incisions, or enlargements [18] of, or any medical procedures around - related to (19] the anterior neck wound?
[20] A: No. It was very evident the incision
[21] itself - I mean, where the tracheotomy had been [2] made.
[1] Q: But the doctors, during the autopsy,
[a] didn't do anything with that, that you observed? A: No, they did not.
Q: Earlier in the deposition, you stated that
[5] the first incision was at approximately 8:15. When
[6] you say "the first incision", what are you
ฤᄀ referring to? What's the procedure that you were [8] talking about?

A: I've thought about that, too, whether it
[10] was the $Y$ incision. I know, in other autopsies
[11] I've witnessed, that's generally the first.
[12] Because they didn't - well, there were no
[13] other incisions they would have made. They didn't
[14] make any incision on the back. They didn't make
$\left[{ }^{15]}\right.$ any in the head area or the anterior neck. So,
${ }^{[16]}$ that's the only thing, I think, that it could have [17] been.
[18] Q: I was under the impression, though, from
[19] what you'd said earlier, that you didn't see any
(20) opening of the chest cavity.
[21] A: Well, I thought you meant going behind the
[2] ribs to locate the bullet in the back wound.


| (1) Q: Does that - | Page 127 |
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| (2) A: That's why his head is raised here. It's |  |

(2) A: That's why his head is raised here. It's 3] been elevated; hasn't it? Yes. But still, that 4] that wound was back here. The hair looks like it's 5) been straightened out and cleaned up more than what it was when we left the autopsy.
(7) Q: Do you remember earlier in the deposition when I asked you if - when you observed the body [9] immediately after the photography - photographs [10] had been taken, if the hair had been cleaned or [11] combed in any way?
[12]
[15) [17 Kennedy?
[18] A: From what I can recall, I didn't really [19] see anything that was this "neat" - I guess, is [20] the best word to use - as compared with what I [21] observed that night.
[2] Q: I'm going to show you again the drawing

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\text { It that you made, No. } 188 \text { - }
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## A: O.K.

[3] Q: - where you have drawn a wound, which
just a moment ago you said was even larger than [B here.

A: That's true I'd like to redraw that.
That's not large enough.
Q: But do you see anything that
(1) corresponds in Photograph No. 42 to what you
10) observed during the night of the autopsy?
[11] A: No.I don't recall anything like this at
[12] all during the autopsy. There was much - Well,
[13] the wound was more pronounced. And it looks like
[14] it could have been reconstructed or something, as
[15] compared with what my recollection was and those
[16] other photographs.
[17 Q: So, for the - with this photograph -
[18] MR. GUNN: Or actually maybe, Steve, if we
(19) could look at No. 43, which is a very similar view.

BY MR. GUNN:
Q: Again, this is a somewhat different
2 exposure but a view of the same thing.

## [1] A: I'd make the same statements relative to

[ $1 \times$ this photograph as I did for the other.
Is this a piece of tape on his ear here?
[4] Q: That has been previously identified as a
${ }^{1}$ flap from the skull.
(0) A: It is. It's overlapping this part of the
(7) ear.
[8] Q: So, in conclusion, would it be fair to say
( 1 ) that the photograph that we have been looking at -
[10] photographs we have been looking at from the sixth
[11] view do not correspond with what you observed on
[12] the night of the autopsy?
[13] A: Right. These four.Again, I say, I was
[14] in error there. That was a much larger wound than [15] that.
[16] Q: Now you're referring to your Exhibit No.
[17] 188.
[18] A: Right.
[19] Q: And you think that the wound should have
[20) been much larger than the one that you drew.
[21) A: Yes.
[22) Q: As you look at Exhibit No. 188, would you
(1) put the location of the wound in any different [2] location? Is it still - You have it - to the
(3) right of center.

A: - still, I think, to be to the right.
5) But much larger than what I've shown there.

Q: What I'd like to do is let you make a
I dotted line of where you would now estimate the
B) size of the wound.
[9] [Discussion off the record.]
(i) BY MR. GUNN:
[11] Q: Mr. Sibert, now does the - do the dotted 2 lines roughly correspond with your best current 3) recollection of the size of the wound?
[14] A: Yes. They do.
[15] Q: Could you go back to the table and look at.
the photograph that shows what has been described
as "missile wound of entrance in posterior skull, following reflection of scalp"? Photograph No. 44.

Now, I should probably tell you that
people have had difficulty orienting this.
A: Yes, I'm having a little problem:
Q: So, if you do, you shouldn't feel unusual.
A: Shouldn't feel bad, huh?
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Q: But let me just ask the question. Are you
able to identify with any reasonable certainty what
Photograph No. 44 depicts?
A: Well, I'm trying to get orientated which
is the front and rear.
Q: And I'll tell you again just for comfort,
that is what every person who has looked at that has said. So -
(10] A: I don't recall anything that night that I [11] can associate.

Q: Part of the question that we have is, you
133 had described the photographs as being taken before
[14] the first incision. And this photograph appears to
(15) many people to have been taken after the scalp was
[16] pulled back, which would mean, presumably, after
[17] the first incision.
(18) A: Yes.
[19] Q: So, just the question that we are trying
[20] to determine is whether this photograph was taken
[21] prior to the autopsy or after the autopsy was
2 underway?
A: Well, I don't - Of course, I didn't see
[k] the photographs that were taken that night until
(3) today.
[1 Q : Sure.
5. A: But I don't recall anything that appeared

6] like that during the autopsy.
Q: At any point during the autopsy?
A: Yes.
Q: Okay.
MR. GUNN: Thank you, Steve.
11] [Discussion off the record.]
[12] BYMR. GUNN:
[13] Q: What I'd like to do is show you Exhibit
[14] 151 , which we made previous reference to.
[15] Let me ask you a couple of background
[16) questions about the preparation of 302 s . And I say
[17] this without reference to this particular one.
[18] But just what the regular procedure was,
[19] if you go out to observe some event. Do you
[20] usually - would you usually take notes during the (21) event?
(22) A: Yes, I usually had an agent's notebook


[1] rotating stencil and then on into a receiving tray,
before another sheet of paper would be printed.
[3] Thus any number of copies could be made of each (4) stenciled page.
(6] stencils.
Q: And, so, do you know what's done usually
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A: Throw it away.
. Wouldn't make much sense to keep it. So,
closest that we would have is this one that is
A. That is correct

14] Q: I'd like to ask you a couple of questions
about this. On page one of the 302 , there is
(17) "Air Force" - then "One" appears to be dropped below the bottom of the line, and then it (19) goes back up, "the President's jet".

I I
A. I don't know what that would be, unless it
(1) sent back for a correction.

As it was explained to me by the Colonel
(4] Unit, Air Force One is always the President's
(5) plane. If you had One and Two, both of the big
jets flying, Air Force One carries the President.

You could have Air Force One going out
with the President on it, but if he stayed out plane, it wouldn't be Air Force One
[12] I guess, that was for coding, because in

(15) Q: Would you look at page three now? It will

16] be a similar sort of question. There's a gap
In
(19) Other words, if there was a correction made, they'd

201 just put correction fluid on the stencil, and
(21] retype over it, rather than having to type the (2) whole stencil sheet again.
[^] performance of the autopsy by the U.S. Navy and (3) Secret Service."

Well, now, that was evidently, the way 1 the didn't
${ }^{81}$ Q: Could you turn to page four? This again In will be a similar question. On the first very
[111 - "inspection" Do you have any idea of what came
(1.) . mpection. Do you have any idea of what came (1) in that space?
A. No, 1 don't. But the only ones that would
(1) other
[16] there was something there that wasn't in his notes,
[17] or didn't agree with my notes, we sent it back to
[18] the steno, and the correction would be made before
(20) any other time after that
[21] Q: If we can go back to the first page again,
[22) where there was the reference to Air Force One


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[5] document, you refer to a Dr. George Bakeman, U.S
[6] Navy. Do you know who that is, or any
(7) recollection?
1 A: Let's see. No, I don't.
Q: Now, the person who is the President's
[10] personal physician was Admiral -
A: Admiral Burkley.
Q: Right. Who is also -
A: Navy.
Q: His first name was George, and he was a
doctor.And I'm wondering whether the Bakeman
would be a confusion with the Burkley there, or
whether there was yet another person?
A: I don't know.
Q: Again,Admiral Dr. George Burkley -
A: Doctor.
Q: - was U.S. Navy.
A: Yes, and doctor. You would think if ( 2 ] rank would be listed as Admiral.
[3] Q: Sure.
(4) A: Or his personal physician.

Q: Do you recall now whether Admiral Burkley [f) was wearing a uniform?

A: Well, there were so many uniforms there [8] that night.

Q: Yes. One thing I'm wondering is if -
0] Whether part of this may have been something that
11 you dictated, and Mr. O'Neill dictated another ${ }^{12}$ part, and that there was a confusion in that way.

A: That could be, but I doubt it. Bakeman 4] and Burkley, that's not that close.

Q: Do you have any other explanation of who a Navy -

A: I don't know who that would be.
Q: Okay.
A: Does that name come up anywhere else? Q: No.
Now I'd like to go back to an issue that
we've discussed previously, and that was your

## interview with Arlen Specter. <br> A: Yes.

Q: Could you tell me about how that interview came about and what happened in it?

A: Here again, I think this probably emanated from the Bureau, and they called Baltimore. And in my entries in my 1964 "Week at a Glance" for March 12th, I had written, "Testify Warren Commission at Bureau later on."
[10] Baltimore told us that we were to be [11] interviewed over there by Arlen Specter in ${ }^{[12]}$ connection with the Warren Commission. [13] And, so, we got instructions to meet him [14] at a certain place in Washington. It wasn't at the [15] Bureau, or it must have been in some government ${ }^{16}$ office building that I can't recall.
[17] Q: Do you recall if it was out by the Capitol [18) Building?
[19] A: There again, I've tried to think. And [20] I just don't remember, just downtown Washington. [1] It wasn't a formal place at all, as I can recall.
(22) And he talked to us, and asked us some
[1] questions.And then we went back to the Bureau and [ 2 ) stopped off at Rosen's office over there in the [3] Investigative Division, and told him to the best of ${ }^{[4]}$ our recollections what Specter had asked us and our [ 5 r responses, so they could prepare a memo.
[6] And that's the way it came about.
(7) Q: What did -
[8] A: He didn't call over to Hyattsville that he 9) wanted to see us. I don't think that happened. It [10] went through all the channels.
[11] Q: From the questions that he was asking, did [12] you have any - or did you have any understanding [13] of why it was that he was talking to you, or what [14] information he was attempting to elicit?
(15] A: Well, afterwards, I've had doubts and [19] wondered. Of course, I thought that he went back $[17]$ and, of course, presented to the Warren Commission [18] what we had said.
[19] Q: The way that the autopsy protocol reads
$[20]$ and the conclusions that it reaches, certainly,
[21] seem different from some of the things that are in
[22] your report that was taken sometime -
[1] A: There were many contradictions as I said, (2] What it boils down to, you had two autopsy reports.
(3) The one that's in the Archives pertaining to what [4] Occurred on the night of the 22nd of November with In O'Neill and I reporting what happened there. And ${ }^{6}$ [ 6 then you had the other one, the official autopsy历 report.
[8] And you had what O'Neill and I had said [9] repeated in those summary reports that were sent to
[10] Dallas, you know, out of Baltimore, by the Liaison
[11] Agent assigned to the case there. But then the
[12] findings and conclusions contained in the official
[13] autopsy report were completely different.
[14] And that's when Lifton called me. He
[15] said, "Hey, wait a minute." He said, "We've ${ }^{116}$ got your FD 302." He also evidently had the other
[17] autopsy report, which I had never seen. And he
[18] said something to the effect, "What's going on
[19] here?"
[20] And I said, "Well," after I asked him
[R1] about the D.F.L. initials, "You've got the 302 in
$[2]$ front of you." And he asked me a couple other
[1] questions. I said, "And we'll just have to let the [^] record stand."
[3] Because I didn't know what had happened or [4] what he was talking about. When this other autopsy [s] report was developed and published, I never [6] received any information about that.
(f) Let me say this, too. We didn't dictate
${ }^{[8]}$ Our FD 302 until Tuesday, the 26th. Over at
( 9 ) Bethesda, they waited and then they belatedly
(10) called Parkland on the 23rd, Saturday morning.
[11] Now, if only they would have called the
(12) Bureau, who would have gotten in touch with O'Neill
(13) and I through Baltimore, and said, "We called
[14] Parkland. We found out, where this tracheotomy was
[15] made was where a bullet entered and exited. That's
${ }^{16}$ a bullet wound. And we've got some changes in the [17] autopsy report."
[18] We would have held up, probably, dictating [19] our FD 302. We wouldn't have torn up our notes [20] They would have been dictated and put in the file [21] as the first autopsy report. But their official [22) autopsy report would have gone into Bureau reports

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(1)
il if we had gone back and interviewed Humes and been (2) given the revised autopsy conclusions. But we had (3) no word at all of these changes being made relative
${ }^{(6)}$ hindsight. But I can now see why for many reasons, that someone thought that it was inadvisable to ${ }^{\text {8/ }}$ bring us before the Warren Commission. Instead we 9) were interviewed by Specter.

Q: What is the first time that you understood
(12) Commission and your own reports or - Let me

## [9] "

 [10]$\qquad$
"Well, you know, over here at the Bureau, we've got
an entirely different thing from the Commission on
this autopsy report. And there sure is a
discrepancy between what they have and what is in
Sibert and O'Neill's FD 302."
But that wasn't done. But, I used to get
those calls, "Did you say, is this you saying here
about a tracheotomy and head surgery?" I would
reply, "No, it's Humes, I'm not a doctor."
So, they were, evidently, getting
inquiries or getting other stuff, and flack in there, regarding different reports and conflicting
statements. But they never mentioned nor did they
ever come out like this and say, "Well, your
account sure is in contradiction. It doesn't agree with the other autopsy report."
Q: Let me tell you two or three things that we have learned.And although I don't testify about things, just try and put it into a context.

I'd like your best assessment of any
information that you can give, and prefer - you're not to speculate, but also best reasonable judgment that you can make.

It appears, to us, fairly clear that the
FBI consistently agreed with your version of the autopsy.

But subsequent FBI documents stayed with
that. And the FBI never questioned it.
A: That is right.
Q: We also know that Dr. Humes wrote notes
during the autopsy, which he subsequently
destroyed.
A: Right.
Q: He-
: He also wrote a draft autopsy report,
(1) which he subsequently destroyed
(») A: I didn't know that.
Q: He's testified to that under oath now. ${ }^{4]}$ So, we have a peculiar situation here, where an [5] autopsy is being rewritten later; and that there ${ }^{6}$ (f) are, indeed, two versions. What is not clear - I in mean, those all seem to me to be facts, as far as I ${ }^{\text {88] }}$ understand.
(r) A: Yes, they are.
(10] Q: What is not clear is why the FBI did not 11 do something more with this?
[12] A: There again, I can't say why on that. But [13] no one ever sat down with me and I never had a
[14] conference with anybody saying, "Well, look, [15] here's your FD 302, what-how do you account for ต this?"
(17) And my answer would have probably been the same as I gave to Lifton. "Let's let the record stand."

Q: Yeah. Okay.All right.
[21] A: Well, I thought we had one more on our
side, when I read this in the Fort Myer's paper

## A: That is correct.

Q: Is it surprising to you that someone at the FBI didn't say something to you in December or January of 1963 (sic) when the FBI got a copy of the autopsy report?
A: Well, it was-Now, I'm saying - It
wasn't said to us, O'Neill and I. Now, maybe they
called in to Tully, my boss, in Baltimore and said,

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I have read the foregoing pages, which
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by me to the questions therein recorded.
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