

Add new CBS staff re with bullet def.

Dr. Milton Helpern, New York City's chief medical examiner, who has earned an international reputation in the course of conducting or supervising about 60,000 autopsies in deaths caused by bullet wounds, put his skepticism this way:

"I just can't believe that this bullet had the force to do what Mr. Specter and the Commission have demanded of it..." The quotation is from, "Where Death Delights", by Marshall W. Houts, lawyer and former FBI agent. Houts is also legal publisher of the bi-monthly/periodical "Trauma", ~~xxxx~~ which deals with medico-legal evidence and is intended for lawyers and investigators.

Again quoting Dr. Helpern, "...next to bone, the skin offers the greatest resistance to a bullet in its course through the body than any other kind of tissue. The energy of the bullet is sometimes so spent that it cannot quite get out through the final layer of skin and it comes to rest just beneath the outside layer of skin. If it does go through the skin, it may not have enough energy to penetrate even an undershirt or a light cotton blouse. It has exhausted itself and just more or less plops to a stop. X...I cannot believe (that Bullet 399) is going to emerge miraculously unscathed, without any deformity and with its lands and grooves intact". These are the markings cut into the bullet by the rifling of the barrel of the weapon.