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"The consensus" on several points is given. From the Report, indeed, from what was allowed into evidence when Specter, Eisenberg and Redlich conducted the hearings, or when the four other Commission lawyers who got copies of this memo could have, it would never be known that consensus (b) is that the President could have been hit "possibly as early as frame 199 (when there appears to be some jerkiness in his movement) or, with higher degree of possibility, at frames 204 ^a ~~204~~-06 (where his right elbow appears to be raised to an artificiaally high position)"

Nor would it be known-for the Commission did not see fit to include this knowledge in either its 900 page report of the estimated 10,000,000 words of "evidence" it printed, that "(d)the President may have been struck by the first bullet as much as two seconds before any visible reaction began".

What this means is that, with reaction visible by frame 199, the President could have been struck by the first bullet, by ^{the time of} frames 162-163. These, carefully, were eliminated from those the Commission made into slides for close study and printed in its evidence.

Taking another possibility from this same consensus -"in all likelihood, however, the maximum delay would be under one second..." and from the "consensus of all these experts, the President could have been hit as early as about 182 Frame. This, also, is not anywhere recorded, save where it was suppressed. ^{hidden in the files} Instead, all these eminent and honorable gentlemen, lawyers and assorted experts that they were, either wrote or remained silent when others wrote and the Commission concluded what they here conceived as only "possible", that the President' reaction was instantaneous.

This memo also spells it out: "...the President may have been struck



as early as 163(sic)...may have been struck as early as ~~16~~ 168-70 ...may have been struck as early as 179-188".

This "consensus" also believed that the first bullet caused Connally's chest wounds only, from the "strong indications" that "the bullet recovered from Governor Connally's stretcher (an assumption never proved) does not appear to have penetrated a wrist". These exact words, "does not appear to have penetrated a wrist" are repeated in the same (e) paragraph.

On delayed reaction time -~~and~~ the Report postulates none for the President, although the experts considered it likely, ^{but} ~~and~~ assumes ~~one~~ ^{XXXXXX} for the Governor, the expert consensus reads,

"The liklihood of a ~~delayed~~ instantaneous ^a reaction is particularly great in regard to the wrist wound, since the pain is usually felt more quickly in a limb than in the torso."

One dissent only is record, that of Arlen Specter, ^{(to the consensus that} Connally could not have received his chest wound after ^{time} 236. ~~XXXXXX~~

~~XXXXXX~~ ^{Specter} He "feels the Governor was in a position to receive the chest wound up to 242".