

Part II Was There a Conspiracy to Assassinate President Kennedy ?

The Report said: The Comm. could find no evidence of a conspiracy.

(1) Where did the shots come from? There are reports some shots came from the grassy knoll. The men in 5th floor bldg. heard the cartridge hit the floor, the shots overhead. Holland on the RR bridge said there were 3rd & 4th reports from the picket fence. He says he saw puff of smoke. He ran over and found footprints on ground. Zapruder said if shots came over his shoulder, from grassy knoll, he would have heard them. Altgens, AP, said the shot in head came from behind. He mentions police running to knoll and recalled he thought this "strange." Jacks, driver of V. P. car, heard shots over his shoulder. Gov. Connally said all of shots came from same direction, behind and over right shoulder.

The President's head appeared to move back, according to the Zapruder film. Experts disagreed. One man says explosion would appear in front of President.

Dr. Perry cut through the wound in the front of the neck. He could not say it was entry or exit. He did not examine it that closely. Dr. Perry said at a news conference in midst of confusion that the neck wound was an entry wound.

The physicians who did the autopsy said the wounds were from the rear.

FBI agents said a doctor at Bethesda said there was a back wound with no exit. This confused the issue.

Capt. Hume, who did autopsy, reviewed the photos in Archives. The photos bear out autopsy. He reviewed his drawings and pointed out that on the sketch the important items were the measurements. He said there was no question that the back head wound was entry wound. He does not qualify this; there is no doubt in his mind.

CBS: The shots came from the rear, Book Depository Bldg. - a conclusion.

(2) Could a single bullet have wounded both President Kennedy and Gov. Connally?

Arlen Specter, the author of the single bullet theory said the theory developed slowly. The doctor said the bullet left Pres. K's neck with great velocity. It had to hit either the car or an occupant or disappear in thin air.

Mr. Tomlinson, Parkland Hosp. employee, who found the bullet, said the stretcher from which the bullet came was on an elevator. Only Gov. Connally's stretcher was on the elevator.

CBS experimented to see how far bullet would penetrate using gelatin. In none of cases did bullet penetrate thigh.

CBS: A single bullet could have wounded both men.

Gov. C. says it had to be the 2nd bullet which hit them both. Mrs. C. says she thinks first shot hit Pres. K. & 2nd hit Gov. C. If the single bullet theory is correct then 2nd shot hit Pres. K and Gov. C., says Gov. C.

CBS: It is difficult to believe the single bullet theory, but to believe the other theories is more difficult. A single bullet wounded both Pres. K and Gov. C.

There is no evidence of a 2nd assassin.
Oswald was the sole assassin.