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Author Harrison E. Livingstone accuses AMA of cover-up.

## Doctors involved in Kennedy case deny cover-up

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None of the four doctors recalls seeing Dr. Crenshaw in the room where Kennedy was treated.

"Crenshaw was a junior resident and he absolutely did not participate in a meaningful way in the attempt to resuscitate the president and in the medical decision-making," a surgeon, Malcolm Perry, told the journal. "I do not remember even seeing him in the room."

"We were trying to save a life, not worrying about entry and exit wounds," said another attending physician, James Carrico. But he added: "Nothing we observed contradicts the autopsy finding that the bullets were fired from above and behind by a high-velocity rifle."

One conspiracy theorist, Harrison E. Livingstone, author of the best-selling "High Treason 2," showed up at the news conference where the articles were released and accused the American Medical Association of being in on the cover-up.

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# JFK doctors back lone-gunman view

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NEW YORK — Two doctors who tried to revive the mortally wounded President John F. Kennedy and two others who performed the autopsy are certain he was shot twice from behind by a lone gunman, as the Warren Commission concluded.

Dr. George Lundberg, editor of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, said yesterday that the four doctors dispelled conspiracy theories about the 1963 assassination in rare interviews for its May 27 issue.

The doctors maintain Kennedy was shot twice from behind by a single gunman, as the much-disputed commission report decided in 1964, Dr. Lundberg told reporters at a news conference. The governmental inquiry determined Kennedy was killed by Lee Harvey Oswald.

Many of those who support conspiracy theories about the assassination believe Kennedy was shot from the front and that the government tried to cover up what really happened by moving the autopsy to a Navy hospital.

Dr. Lundberg said the journal, as a professional publication devoted to scientific research, has "a very good chance, perhaps the best chance, of setting to rest the talk of conspiracy around the autopsy."

"I think the non-availability of information has contributed greatly to people wondering," he added. "We're trying to put an end to the wonderment."

James Joseph Humes and J. Thornton Boswell, the pathologists who conducted the autopsy at Bethesda Naval Hospital, told the jour-

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**DR. GEORGE LUNDBERG**  
AMA Journal editor

nal that bullets always leave a small hole where they enter and a beveled crater where they exit.

"We proved at the autopsy table that President Kennedy was struck from above and behind by the fatal shot," Dr. Humes said. "The pattern of the entrance and exit wounds in the skull proves it. . . . This is a law of physics and it's foolproof."

He added: "The conspiracy buffs have totally ignored this central scientific fact and everything else is hogwash. There was no interference with our autopsy and there was no conspiracy to suppress the findings."

Conspiracy theories got recent boosts from Oliver Stone's movie "JFK" and a book published last month, "JFK: Conspiracy of Silence," by Dr. Charles Crenshaw, who says he was in the Dallas emergency room where Kennedy was treated. Dr. Crenshaw claims the bullet entered Kennedy from the front.

Dr. Lundberg, a physician who worked for 11 years as a pathologist and who interviewed the doctors, called Mr. Stone's movie "skillful film fiction."

About Dr. Crenshaw's allegation, Dr. Lundberg said that "in my experience, surgeons don't know from nothin' about how to trace the path of a bullet."

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