

8/15 HS HSCA - autopsy panel - to resolve autopsy issue to review Francisco's report

- 1) Emergency treatment in amb
- 2) What autopsy procedures followed - paper
- 3) Does trajectory indicate point of origin
 - a) In both room window
 - b) Elsewhere

4) Damage to body & clothing consistent with ammo

Dr. Michael Baden } panel members. All witnesses is Baden,
 Dr. John T. Lee } NYC Chief Medical Examiner
 Dr. J.W. H. Davis }

Roger Stewart (John) Engineers Con. Consultants
 Test on trajectory (patterns) from Run 306?

Trajectory conclusion on pattern from window possible,
 bushy area "back yard for hips 2-5° different.

Does not say where in "bushy area" of "back yard" measured.
 Talk of vertical angles only - why not horizontal? How can any
~~vertical~~ vertical angle be conjectured w/o knowing point of angle?

Dr King's body?

Seep bullet in top of head & re-entered neck - Index Francisco &
 Jan Juren

(1st top in hair - about 9:25) (see p. 5)
 1 No ref to off beam of bullet? No ref to clothing in Francisco's testimony?
 check both testimonies

Has sketches of wound & place where bullet entered
skin on back.

Use enlargements of clothing fix - jacket lined - sup bullet
went thru but did not go all the way through cloth?

tangential path? Torn through under, in sup.

Chemical tests on ^{shirt} jacket in 1968 & current. Sup only no
growth residues (why should any have been injured?)

"Final clothing exhibit" is tie - fibers on right lower
back where missile went through... went inside
on body..."

Next reconstruction of wound track thru body. Used autopsy
report & X-ray - Two X-rays used as exhibits

"Main frag" 65 grains (vs 150 grain)

Track varies greatly on position of body in ammunition

Bone damage - would cause deflection from straight line

Own drawing, not tracing, of path thru body

End. directed by M. Webb examination 9:50

Francis did not dissect track of bullet in order not
to mutilate - same flow as in JFK

Said shot had to have come from his right - without

saying what the right means in terms of position

Baker again limits to flip house both windows & ground
below it and it alone

Recall no ref to upper traces in clothing - essential of bullet
left & re-entered?

3) Deome says that as former prosecutor with experience with autopsies & pathologists, he appreciates Baden's lack of equivocation.

"Without question" both wounds caused by projectile - on Dodd's questioning - compare Francisco in evid. hng.

"On the basis of the aut. alone we cannot be certain" where bullet came from. Conclusion from "non-identical" materials when questioned by Fauntroy - who asks no questions about lateral angle.

Had access to X-ray only, some not original.

Other lateral info - asked by Burke - goes into position of hand, which seems to mean nothing. "Consistent" is one - with both wounds! Has no way of knowing whether King was leaning forward or back ward.

She says she is trying to learn all his assumptions. He says touching railing but could not establish how high point of entry was from ground. Says maximum deviation down line from 59" to 54", which was in line in case of reference "outermost limits".

Says this meant only 1° of difference & says it is finer than autopsy - incredible! If King was leaning over balcony he'd have been lower. If he had turned the lateral possibilities are altered entirely.

1) Fred of Tenn n. - Spent on autopsy - his contribution - placed on because he was Ch. Dept. Pathology but was not present. Legal form only

Tenn. this "next of kin" permission not obtained. Says was "police" in Tenn, but with exp requirement was for D A to order, then then next of kin permission

Fifth man who would not have come from county and a pit house. Bader says in of "we assume" he was standing court yard with hand forward & right. (Bader hedged on this when asked by Bunke. He grows in basis for assuming this position)

Edgar asks of deformity. Bader says "entirely dependent" on what is struck. False. This bullet deforms on soft tissue. The ~~degree~~ degree of deformity varies but not the fact of deformity. Edgar asks for clothing habits + asks does "interview damage to tell & shirt" asks how jacket would have been in such a position to be struck. Bader says it is "how jacket is worn" - would wear in ... not one of irregular fit - ... pulled, and re-entered ... "large" because "bullet has been flattened around what ... loop of the jacket is not in the path ... " + Edgar asks no more.

Deed again, Panel spoke to Des Gallon + Brown. Did he ask if King said anything at all "could feel front pulse but no "totally unarming". Only work on his years training

No more member questions. Offer Baden usual 5 mins
to speak, amplify, etc. "I have no specific statement
to make except... impressed by the reputation of the
business doctors...." No up to Francisco by Arizona
Symposium presentation of a work by testimony
voluntarily speak on importance of autopsy in homicides,
saying not generally understood "Dr. Francisco
... did document the findings... That does
for me other medical witnesses" to reach conclusions
after 10 years. End at 11:20 a.m.
(Tape of dep at 9:25, p. 1 - when phone rang Nothing)