

9/7/78 - autopsy - PBS used Dave Litten as expert (1st day before) Jeremiah O'Leary with Sanford Ungar both days Blaney provided introduction. primary Curcio name as Kas-ischia later "Frank" in Finck.

Dr. Parkland states "could not have been aware" of back wound <sup>one of the</sup>

Omits Perry as doctor who examined Connolly says "Dr. Humes decided not to dissect the back" through the neck. Presumably "neck" and it was not Humes' decision.

Omits Humes' destruction of protocol says NYT wire said 11/20/63 in negating JFK wounded at Adams' apple

"as far as is known" not an indication of autopsy taken by staff (Commission)

Review of books, omits Wk - cites later books, Epstein, Lane, Thompson says blank panel differed from aut. dates only on 'front, head wound. signs different description of injury - ~~from~~ in body

In presenting questions omits anterior neck as entrance wound

Committee panel asked to determine

- 1) points of appearance
- 2) nature of injury as done
- 3) Recommendations
- 4) detail findings

Missing autopsy materials still missing. Case found.

2) Dr Lowell Devine used to identify but says film authenticity  
Culom - ~~McKeeney?~~ <sup>McClamy</sup> ~~Barney?~~ " " "  
On identification, view stereotypical, no alteration - limited  
to authenticity only - no reference to damage

Dr. Baden, Michael, Ch. Committee medical panel. He is very nervous.

Three drinks of water before 1st exhibit referred to. Moved Mike  
many times, also himself always in motion of some kind.

Only "relevant materials" not made available to panel limited  
to what Blakey listed, missing parts hair, etc. Does not  
mention destruction of evidence, as that of tie, which it would  
not have examined

attributes death to two wounds - including non-fatal  
Photo of back wound - does not give position of body + what  
of any significance it has

Color of abrasion around back wound means entrance  
deep hole in back of jacket "corresponds exactly" with wound  
shows actual injury, using blowups

Irregularity of thoracic vertebrae  
Sketch of anterior neck <sup>would</sup> ~~would~~ <sup>of drawing</sup> ~~of a photo~~  
Because it is a sketch, <sup>almost</sup> direct by hand front. This is  
impossible because there was no such view. He & counsel

Renneth) Rubin made this in the any way they use.  
Analyses about damage + says "corresponds directly" with  
neck wound + says it is "characteristic" of bullet exit.  
assumes the "neck" + says it "corresponds" with that one.  
When the fu is in a knot, this is both false & misleading

of autopsy reports says neither report prepared day after  
the autopsy. False - second day after autopsy. Heby -  
press reconstruction of one prepared day after autopsy

3) Drawing showing track places as entrance mark lower.  
Bader limits himself to "direction"; avoids any angles &

5) Comparison with official story. His own 3 possible  
orientations do not include this steep on angle

47 JFK #8 Any WC drawing depicts "same track" but says  
fork entrance wound is higher than actual - by 2 inches  
Steeper angle downward + wound 2" lower than WC

Head - wound of entrance JFK 52, 54, 297 then used X-ray through  
Does not orient ↑ & computerized en face cement

Shows metallic fragment about all the way between back & front,  
toward top of skull all the way.

Concludes entrance "upper portion" of skull  
Does not show 40 "dust-like" fragments

"Point of entrance" is "marked by this large metal fragment"  
(no mention of this fragment in autopsy report or by W.C. in  
his Report)

Step 3 bone fragments <sup>all</sup> found in Linnow's  
"Significantly different" is opinion on point of entrance over  
autopsy report - by 4 inches.

Drops it here + with Kellin's question limits to front-to-back  
direction. No interpretation of necessity of either in discrepancy  
of its meaning.

Step "Harper fragments" found "few days later"  
Establishes "directionality" from "other evidence" of which  
he mentions only Zep film

4) On WC head sketch says location of wound to arm -  
 again 4" difference  
 Panel could not agree on whether back shot would have  
 been fatal  
 Switches to 5 BC wounds like per, without any walk-  
 type of orig. autopsy or its report on the WC's or the  
 other witness I use in PM (as men second witness  
 hole in shirt & knot of tie  
 Jump 5 BC wounds more from side  
 "no witness" of "muscle a bullet" in normally chest.  
 Does this include Post-Op X-rays?  
 Goes into Reynolds report, saying it is "consistent" with this  
 (Do they return to high X-rays Reynolds report?)  
 Says sketch of this was by Parkland doctor - not what  
 I call - by "surgeon Semra - and missed int. fed. nerves  
 location to that of shirt.  
 Panel to go to other "unnamed Parkland doctor because  
 name, who did wrist surgery, is dead. (again  
 avoids Perry  
 #64 is Pre op. X-ray of wrist. "Multiple metal fragments"  
 present representing "small amount of metal substance of  
 the bullet itself."  
 High - need Shivers report on this (Does he state what  
 caused this wound - bullet or fragment? Cells only  
 "gun shot wound")

5) "No significant amount of bullet" in wound (what is "significant" & in what sense? Compared with metal missing from CE 399? He avoids this & what is "significant" for what is not, what he says was "in" the bone, which is not what was testified to before W.C.

Although he is not asked if whole bullet caused wound he says they agreed it "dropped out", with-  
out any history of where & how or why or when  
Panel concluded that all injuries caused by one bullet,  
which includes thigh, because it has "no other reason-  
able wound area" & because ~~the~~ partly spent when it  
hit thigh & leg so wrist.

Single bullet - based on entrance in Connally - ~~transitory~~  
memo "could have come from the neck of the  
President" and that position of both men is  
"consistent" with this.

Excludes CE 399 & handles it. All of panel examined it  
& concluded, on consistency, on single bullet theory,  
that it was "consistent with having caused all  
the wounds described" is left for Wecht, add on.

An conclusion on OFR autopsy | own that they found  
procedures - "There was a ~~bullet~~ no other bullet  
of deficiencies" in it, agreeing with "exemption of jurisdiction  
on Parkland opinion of front entrance of neck says not  
that they didn't say it but are "little trained" because  
they're not "trained" as ~~pathology~~ etc."

Osip that because they did not know of bullet hole in back  
They just assumed this was of entrance. (He seems to  
assume that a bullet that enters does not exit, or there  
would be an exit hole)

Osip that autopsy doctors "did not appreciate that there  
was a two shot entry". False. It is in FBI report as  
their instant knowledge.

On account of the 4" error in head entrance he  
says that "if my autopsy film is adequate for definitive  
statements" and says that all 3 prosecutors still  
believe in their original error.

He ignores ~~that~~ Their access to & examination of X-ray  
When Dr. Meyer asks if it is possible for there to have been two  
head wounds, he limits to error & Baden omits  
large defect in limiting to just my skull, with  
out the large defect, which would not show in X-ray  
of later.

Skull still (was) "single bullet theory untenable" but  
basis this (falsely) on coronal X-ray. His WC  
justimony is explicit & detailed on other reasons

Lyftin says that there is drop of out of evidence "known"  
"known" to ~~be~~ us but not previously public

9/17/78 p.m. On PBS commentary Lytton says Thomas burned his notes  
Baden again refers to piece of metal at front of head entrance wound  
again saying nothing more about it & omission of any autopsy or

W.C. mention of it - or its size  
CBE + Committee also ignore Herms' hydrocephalic planning + description  
of "fracture tangential to the scalp as both did on a.m. <sup>section</sup>"  
When Payer asks "what happened to the fragments" Baden gives  
a dishonest answer by restricting himself to the few minute  
fragments + then ends by saying they were "removed" + are  
"preserved" in a ribbon. Only 2 of these were discovered. The large  
one at the back of the head was not removed. Baden knows  
this whether or not Payer asks. Staff knows of by no  
other way from Post mortem.

"There is fracture of front transverse" water bore  
There is an "cut of cut" not <sup>on bone</sup> metal in this area. Maybe piece of  
dent."

Says wounding bullet can cause small regular wound like  
front neck. Does not state probabilities of this

Testifying on condition 399 says only "concomitant injury that would  
have caused 'significant damage' to 399 is wrist. In this he  
says nothing about mutilation, limit to deformity, ignores  
any marking from home

Volunteers that body taken to Bethesda "apparently at the  
request of the family" - which is not true & on which  
he offered no word since

Says nothing of autopsy doctor had experiences with gunshot -  
wounds. This in fact was Finck's area of expertise  
expertise - esp in wound ballistics at Walter Reed

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Referring to alleged neck exit wound doubles its size to 6-7 mm dia.  
Says bullet exited at collar where holes are - He has not felt / read  
to evidence of holes in collar

Asked of surgical damage to shirt + tie " Was far as  
we could find no evidence that tie was not cut - The  
shirt was not cut at that point."

Says not for prosecution there is slit in cloth and "edges  
are well approximated"

Says that graphing of murder is unique as 2 of films, so  
They attribute no memory to motion of head. Did he  
know her of her + of war-time photographs + film?

He says they are no such pictures anywhere  
Bullet " might have struck " just thoracic vertebrae

Says King + M-C bullet are of "comparable" ~~size~~ because of  
velocities. Big difference in velocities - speed  
type King soft - JFR hard bullet jackets  
Finally says King soft-nosed + not fully jacketed

Reports no chest fragment in JB Connally's body / bag.  
Removed from wrist. Contradicted by all ear her evidence  
"Oblong blue discoloration" in rt front of brain - "not a metal  
object" + "most probably represents exposed blood vessel"  
"There is no way to compare how some persons react to injury"  
Does not compare striking bone with not striking bone



W. J. O. Holmes - just took "many" photos + the "basically" whole or  
full body X-rays, not "many" just + no "full" body X-rays.  
He is both defensive + aggressive on short notice of that many,  
4 of hours did not give him time to refresh recollection  
Stank on original protocol I insist visible wound is "exactly  
where he said it was" (based on his present version of above  
the right of the script) (He had said "slightly" above.  
Began to write report 11pm 11/23 + worked on it until 5 am.  
Had "the draft" notes which he had prepared as the  
autopsy room

"Original notes which were stained with the President's  
blood was inappropriate" so he says he lifted them  
and he had + destroyed them the originals.

No number has any question of him so it does give him

5 minutes  
~~at~~ weight ~~disputes~~ 399 disputes 399 with possession + language  
unhidden, camera show Baden, in audience, smiling  
Testified at his own request - not asked by committee  
Guy born wall witnesses after Perry did - only time  
two staff witness examined one witness. He seeks to  
reduce it all to "a difference of opinions". Comes up by using

all members of committee argued + sought to cross-examine

The dir. Sawyer doesn't even know spell of bullet  
Baker says most like Billy destroyed missing materials  
Ran around after 6 pm.