

Wounds, Connally

- 11/22/63** On tape at 250': Pierce Allman, Dallas television executive (*WFAA?*), who was standing at intersection of Elm and Houston, describes assassination "a few hours later." Says Connally hit by second shot.
- Allman was not called to testify by Commission. *BBC* tape, *The Day the President Died*
- 11/22/63** Gov. John Connally of Texas, wounded by the sniper who assassinated President John F. Kennedy, was described this afternoon. as being in "very, very serious, but not critical" condition.
- Julian Read, an aide to Connally, said Connally suffered three wounds ... one in the right arm, one in the right leg and one in the back that pierced his body. *AP* 3:24 p.m. CST Dallas
- 11/22/63** Dallas - Dr. Robert R. Shaw, Connally's attending physician, said the Governor "seems to have been struck by just one bullet, which entered the back of his chest and moved outward, taking out and fragmenting a portion of a rib.
- "The bullet emerged from his chest and struck his wrist and thigh. The thigh wound is trivial.
- "In making a wound in the chest, the fragments from the rib caused considerable tissue damage. It was found there was a tear in a part of the lung and a small hole in the lower lobe."
- ... "The bullet is still in the leg. It hasn't been removed. This is very insignificant. There is no injury to the left thigh.
- "We know the wound of entrance was along the right shoulder. He was shot from above. We feel this is all one bullet. The lung was collapsed. However, don't emphasize that because the lung can be easily expanded, which it is now." *AP*, 4:24 p.m. CST
- 11/23/63** Dallas - A team of three surgeons removed one of the ... governor's ribs and repaired a lung cut by the rifle bullet.
- ... A fragment struck Connally's right wrist, fracturing it. Other fragments struck his left leg just above the knee and lodged there. *San Francisco Examiner, UPI*
- 11/24/63** Dallas – The next bullet struck Connally and sped downward from the collarbone through the right side of his chest. It smashed three ribs, punctured his lung, shattered his right wrist, and lodged in his left leg just above the knee. *UPI*
- 11/24/63** Dallas - Dr. Tom Shires, chief of surgeons at the *University of Texas, Southwestern Medical School*, said the Governor

probably would have been killed if he had not turned.

"After consulting with Mrs. Connally and others on the scene," Dr. Shires said, "the consensus is that the Governor was quite fortunate that he turned to see what happened to the President. If he had not turned to his right, there is a good chance he probably would have been shot through the heart. As it was, the bullet caused a tangential wound."

... Physicians said that the bullets [sic, misprint?] had traveled through the Governor's body and had broken his fifth rib. It then struck his right wrist, causing a compound fracture, and lodged in his left thigh. A fragment from the rib punctured his lung. ...*New York Times*, p. col. 6, *Connally Gains, Doctors report*, by John Herbers.

**11/26/63**

Dallas, Nov. 26 - A third bullet was found in fragments in the car and is presumed by official sources to be the one that coursed through the body of Gov. Connally. *New York Times*, by John Herbers

**11/28/63**

Dallas -- Gov. Connally's account of the shootings:

... We heard a shot. I turned to my left and the President had slumped. He said nothing. As I turned I was hit and I knew I was hit badly. I knew the President had been hit and I said: 'My God, they're going to kill us all.' Then there was a third shot and the President was hit again."

[Connally had explained earlier that the car had just turned the corner and was proceeding toward the underpass.] *New York Times*, by Joseph A. Loftus

**11/28/63**

Dallas - "We had just turned the corner [onto Elm street] and I heard the shot," Connally said (yesterday) during a closed-circuit television news conference from his bed in *Parkland Memorial Hospital*.

When the first shot hit the President, he said: "I turned to the left.

"The President had slumped. Then I was hit ..."

... Connally said that after he was shot, the President was shot again.

Saved by four hours of surgery, Connally had been shot through the back. The bullet fragmented. It broke three ribs, cut a lung, shattered his right wrist and made a slight wound above the left knee. *UPI*

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- 12/1/63** ... Gov. Connally, near death from a gaping wound in his chest, a broken right wrist and a wound in his left leg, was taken to surgery after emergency room treatment.... *Long Beach Independent-Press Telegram, Three Days in Dallas*, by Bill Hunter.
- 12/9/63** Article titled *Parkland Hospital: the medical story. Doctors describe their grim 50 hours. Medical Tribune and Medical News*
- 12/11/63** Austin - Connally is recuperating from wounds received during the November 22 assassination of President John F. Kennedy in Dallas. One bullet tore through Connally's chest, his right wrist, and a part of the slug buried itself in the Governor's left thigh. *AP*
- 1/7/64** Washington - Rep. J.J. Pickle (D-TX) said today ... the bullet went completely through Connally's body and grazed & lung and caused it to deflate. *AP Special Service*
- 3/64** *Commentary*, Leo Sauvage
- ... I called the Executive Mansion in Austin and got Julian Read, one of the Governor's aides, on the phone. Had the bullet "pierced" Mr. Connally's thigh or "lodged" in it, I asked Mr. Read? Or was the answer to this question considered a state secret? "No, there is no secret," he replied "The bullet had splintered, and a fragment embedded itself in the thigh where it was recovered."
- 4/21/64** Washington – [Story on Gov. Connally testifying before Warren Commission. Story includes an account of an interview he gave a few days after the shooting (11/28?).]
- Then, said Connally, "we had just turned the corner. We heard a shot ... I turned to my left and looked in the back seat. The President had slumped. He said nothing.
- "Almost simultaneously, as I turned, I was hit, and I knew I'd been hit badly, and I said - I knew the President had been hit - and I said, 'My God, they're going to kill us all.'
- "And then there was a third shot, and the President was hit again ..." *AP*, 12:52 p.m. CST
- 5/30/64** Dallas, May 29 - Television station *KRLD* said today that the Warren Commission's report ... would show that the first bullet hit both the President and Gov. John B. Connally, Jr. and that the third shot went wild.
- Previous thinking had been that the first bullet hit the President, the second hit the Governor and the third fatally

wounded Mr. Kennedy.

In a copyrighted story, *KRLD* said it had also learned that the Commission's report ... would show the following:

The first bullet entered the President's body slightly above the right collar bone and exited just to the left [*UPI* story (*San Francisco Chronicle*, 5/30) says that, according to *KRLD-TV*, the first bullet exited from the President's neck just to the right of the tie knot.] of the tie knot, then entered the body of Governor Connally just above the fifth rib.

The second bullet struck the President in the back of the head.

The third bullet followed a much flatter trajectory than the first two, because the motorcade was moving down a sloping street, and it struck a manhole cover, then ricocheted off the curb and was never found.

Medical opinion in the Commission's report will show that chances for the President's recovery from the first wound would have been excellent. Also, had the first hit been a fraction lower, the force of the bullet would probably have knocked the President to the floor of the car and removed him from the line of sight for the second - and fatal - shot. *New York Times*, *AP*

**8/64**

...His [the President's] face was completely expressionless, as if the person had gone.

Sitting on my right, John turned very fast to his right, trying to look at the President. Not getting him in his line of vision, he started turning to his left, and the second bullet hit him. I heard John say, "They're going to kill us all!" He recoiled to his right and slumped over, still upright in his seat. ... I pulled him down into my lap ... *McCall's*, p. 79. *Since that Day in Dallas*, by Mrs. John Connally, as told to Michael Drury.

**9/27/64**

In interview, Connally disagrees with *Warren Report*, says hit by second shot, not the first. *CBS TV* program on *Warren Report*

9/28/64 *San Francisco News Call Bulletin*, *UPI* story to same effect.

9/28/64 *San Francisco Examiner*, *UPI* story to same effect.

9/28/64 *AP* interview to same effect, AP753acs Austin

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... At the sound of the first shot, Gov. Connally swiveled in his chair to look at the President. He was struck by the second bullet, which ploughed through his chest and wrist and embedded in his leg ... *New York Journal-*

*American, The Last Hours of A President, a Flashback*, Marianne Means, Dallas, Sept. 26 [the writer's recollections of the assassination]

- 12/64** It is my conclusion that the same bullet could not have hit both Kennedy and Connally as the Warren Commission claimed. You can see this yourself in the picture in exhibit 893, page 102. Note that the shot would have gone through the hump seat and hit Connally in the buttocks! Yet the Commission state that there were no holes in the car and that Connally was hit so high that the bullet exited by his nipple. ...*The Minority of One*, p. 42, letter to the editor from an anonymous physicist.
- 1-3/65** Pioneering, basis analysis of WR and supplements evidentiary material on the shots, trajectories and wounds, time factors and testimony -- all leading to conclusions different from those of the Report. *Liberation*, 2 issues, *The Warren Report?* by Vincent J. Salandria.
- 3/66** Exhaustive analysis of Gov. Connally's wounds and the bullet supposed to have caused them. *The Minority of One*, p 12, *The Impossible Tasks of One Assassination Bullet*, by Vincent J. Salandria.
- 4/66** Further exhaustive analysis of Connally wounds, concluding that CE399 could not also have wounded Kennedy, that Connally's exit wound showed highly mutilated if not fragmented bullet, that Connally's coat and shirt had been laundered (destroying evidence) and that at least one more assassin involved. *The Minority of One*, p. 9, *The Separate Connally Shot*, by Vincent J. Salandria. 2<sup>nd</sup> of 2 articles, 3/1/66 issue.
- 5/28/66** Contradiction between *Warren Report* and FBI reports of 12/9/63 and 1/13/64, on location of JFK back wound. *Times Post Service*, Richard Harwood [Discussion of books by Epstein and Weisberg.]
- 5/30/66** If the FBI statements [in its reports of 12/9/63 and 1/13/64,], are not errors, they could unhinge the central conclusion of the Commission report: that Lee Harvey Oswald was probably the sole assassin. An FBI spokesman Sunday said, however, that the statements are in error. *LA Times*, Robert J. Donovan, [Discussion of books by Epstein and Weisberg].
- 10/6/66** Argues it was possible for JFK and Connally to have been wounded by same bullet, based on re-examination of evidence including the Zapruder films which Crawford claims show Connally reaction only 4 frames later than JFK. *The New York Review of Books*, p. 41 Letter to the Editor, from Curtis Crawford, New York. [Takes mild exception to Popkin letter in 7/28 Issue].
- 10/10/66** Q. ... the Governor is in opposition to the theory that that's the same bullet that went through the President.

Wounds, Connally

A. Not precisely. The Governor is of the opinion that he was struck by the second shot - by a shot subsequent to the first shot which he heard - which conclusion was based on the factors of the speed of sound from a shot, as opposed to the speed of a bullet. But the Governor's testimony was weighed with great care, as was the testimony of every single witness, and the Commission concluded that the overlay of the evidence was such that the Governor's opinions [Mrs. Connally corroborated Governor's testimony] were not followed. *U.S. News & World Report*, p. 55, Interview of Arlen Specter

**11/22/66**

Washington - ... Malcolm M. Kilduff, who rode in the fourth car behind John F. Kennedy in Dallas three years ago, reported in a taped television interview that parts of the disputed bullet are still implanted in Connally's leg.

... After the television interview for *Westinghouse Broadcasting Co.*, Kilduff said a former member of the Governor's staff told him bullet fragments remain lodged in Connally's left calf. *San Francisco Chronicle* [*Times-Post Service*]