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(340) KENNEDY PICTURES

WASHINGTON, NOV. 3 (AP)-TWO NAVAL PATHOLOGISTS WHO PERFORMED THE AUTOPSY ON PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY HAVE SPENT 3 1/2 HOURS VIEWING PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXAMINATION. THEY REITERATED THAT THE PICTURES SUBSTANTIATE THEIR TESTIMONY BEFORE THE WARREN COMMISSION.

THE PATHOLOGISTS, CMDRS. JAMES J. HUMES AND J. THORTON BOSWELL, SAW THE PHOTOGRAPHS FOR THE FIRST TIME TUESDAY AFTERNOON, ONE DAY AFTER THEY WERE TURNED OVER TO THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES BY THE KENNEDY FAMILY.

THE FILM HAD BEEN GIVEN TO THE SECRET SERVICE UNDEVELOPED THE NIGHT THE AUTOPSY WAS PERFORMED AT THE BETHESDA NAVAL MEDICAL CENTER. X-RAYS TAKEN DURING THE AUTOPSY ON NOV. 22, 1963, WERE DEVELOPED AT THE HOSPITAL AND USED IN MAKING THEIR REPORT, THE DOCTORS SAID.

HUMES AND BOSWELL WENT TO THE ARCHIVES BUILDING FOR THE LIMITED PURPOSE OF IDENTIFYING AND AUTHENTICATING THE 65 X-RAYS, COLOR TRANSPARANCIES AND BLACK-AND-WHITE NEGATIVES. DURING THE TASK, HOWEVER, THEY PAUSED LONG ENOUGH TO COMPARE KEY PICTURES WITH THEIR OWN RECOLLECTIONS.

BOTH DOCTORS SAID THE PICTURES ADD NOTHING TO TESTIMONY THEY GAVE THE COMMISSION. "THESE PHOTOS ARE NOTHING MORE THAN SUPPORTIVE EVIDENCE..." BOSWELL SAID. WHEN HE AND HUMES TESTIFIED, THEY PRESENTED DRAWINGS SHOWING THE LOCATION OF KENNEDY'S WOUNDS AND THE PATHS FOLLOWED BY THE TWO BULLETS WHICH HIT HIM.

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THE COMMISSION DID NOT SEE THE AUTOPSY PHOTOGRAPHS AND X-RAYS-- A FACT WHICH HAS BEEN THE FOCUS OF SOME RECENT CRITICISM OF THE PANEL'S FINDING THAT LEE HARVEY OSWALD ACTED ALONE IN THE ASSASSINATION.

MEANWHILE, THE ARCHIVES REPORTED IT HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL INQUIRIES ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF VIEWING THE PHOTOGRAPHS AND OTHER MATERIAL RELATED TO THE ASSASSINATION.

UNDER CONDITIONS SET BY THE KENNEDY FAMILY, IT IS PRACTICALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR ANYONE OTHER THAN GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATIVE UNITS TO SEE THE AUTOPSY PHOTOGRAPHS FOR AT LEAST FIVE YEARS.

DURING THE PERIOD, ONLY THE FAMILY HAS THE POWER TO DECIDE WHO SEES THE PHOTOGRAPHS. AFTER THE INITIAL FIVE YEARS, PATHOLOGISTS

AND PERSONS IN RELATED SCIENCES MAY VIEW THE PICTURES--AGAIN ONLY WITH FAMILY PERMISSION.

THE REMAINDER OF THE ASSASSINATION EVIDENCE EVENTUALLY WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO SCHOLARS AND OTHER PERSONS STUDYING THE ASSASSINATION. THE ARCHIVES PLANS TO PUT NONE OF THE MATERIAL ON PUBLIC DISPLAY.

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