

**DALLAS SOUGHT  
AUTOPSY BEFORE  
BODY'S REMOVAL**

Two Dallas officials tried to prevent removal of President Kennedy's body from the city until an autopsy was performed, the Warren Commission report has disclosed.

The officials, who are not named in the report, told members of the White House staff at Parkland Hospital that the body could not be removed pending the autopsy. At that point, the body already had been placed in a coffin and was ready for removal.

Despite the protests, the coffin was wheeled out of the hospital, placed in an ambulance and transported to the airport shortly after 2 p.m.