

**RESTRICTIONS****JFK X-Rays  
Turned Over  
To Archives**

WASHINGTON (AP) — The family of President John F. Kennedy has turned over to the National Archives pictures taken in connection with the autopsy performed after his assassination — pictures that doctors say add nothing to evidence already on record.

The 65 pictures and X-rays, which were not examined by the Warren Commission during its investigation, were presented to the archives under conditions which virtually preclude public viewing of them for many years.

A Justice Department spokesman said last night the department had asked for the 14 X-rays, 25 black-and-white negatives and 26 color transparencies to complete the government's collection of assassination material for the historical record.

The two Navy pathologists who performed the autopsy the night after Kennedy was shot said in interviews Tuesday night the X-rays and pictures merely back up testimony they gave the commission. And one of them said the photographs had been intended for use in the trial of Lee Harvey Oswald, named by the commission as Kennedy's assassin.

"These photos are nothing

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more than supportive evidence for information we presented to the Warren Commission," said Cmdr. J. Thornton Boswell, who assisted Cmdr. James J. Humes in the autopsy. "All they would do would be to document what we discussed. I am sure the photographs would corroborate our testimony."

Boswell added: "They were medical-legal photographs taken for presentation in court at the Oswald trial. Oswald was still alive at the time of the autopsy."

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Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, Tex., Nov. 22, 1963. Two days later, Oswald was shot and killed by Jack Ruby in a corridor of the Dallas jail.

Humes said commission members had asked whether the pictures were needed in connection with the pathologists' testimony. "We felt they were not," he said.

Asked whether the pictures disclosed anything not covered in the testimony, Humes said, "I would not have testified before the commission the way I did if I felt there was anything different about them."

Some recent criticism of the commission focused on the fact that the commission did not see autopsy pictures.

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One commission member, Allen W. Dulles, said he didn't recall the circumstances surrounding the commission's decision not to examine the pictures.

The Justice Department spokesman said he did not know how the X-rays and pictures came into the possession of the Kennedy family.

The spokesman said the pictures, authenticated by Humes

and Boswell, are the only ones of the autopsy known to exist.

A letter dated Oct. 29 and signed by Burke Marshall, representing the Kennedy family, gave the government possession of the pictures. Marshall, former head of the Justice Department's civil rights division, now lives in New York City and has handled other matters for the Kennedy family.

The letter also gave the government possession of the clothes Kennedy was wearing when he was shot. Restrictions on viewing these are somewhat less stringent than for the pictures.

Earlier yesterday, the government took legal title to the great mass of evidence considered by the commission. The evidence, including the rifle designated by the commission as the death weapon, was ordered preserved in the archives.

Under conditions laid down by the Kennedy family, there will be no nonofficial access to the autopsy pictures without the consent of the family for the first five years.