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### Analysis of the JFK Shirt Collar

The F.B.I. report on the shirt collar is a shambles. The actual evidence, the blown up photo of the collar and the two defects, is not credible. Nowhere does it state the amount of magnification, which results in no accurate measurement by the observer. Likewise, the photo is devoid of any ruler, which results in the inability to compare the measurements.

The Warren Report states that the slit like defect in the upper left front portion is 1.4 centimeters below the topmost buttonhole. It also states that the defect is 1.4 cm in length. By simply looking at the photo, one can tell the distance from the slit to the buttonhole is one third the length of the tear. The second defect found in the shirt was reported as 1.5 cm below the center of the button and 1.5 cm in length, and is running parallel to the vertical axis of the body. If the distance to the hole is actually 1.5 cm, then the actual hole is less than 1.5 cm. The long axis of this slit runs perpendicular to the long axis of the body.

As for the destruction of the fibers and Hoover's letter to Rankin, how did Hoover know? The initial F.B.I. report did not cover it. If there were some other experiment or observation, revealing the direction of the fibers, why did Hoover not disclose the source. Because Hoover stated it, it does not become fact.

Finally, because there was no traces of lead or metal, could the cut have come from some other source. It is possible that Parkland Memorial damaged the shirt while trying to save Kennedy.