

9/7/78 - autopsy - PBS used Dave Linton as expert (1st day before) Jeremiah O'Leary with Sanford Ungar both days Blaney provided introduction. primary Curcio name as Kas-ischia later "Frank" in Finck.

Chip Parkland states "could not have been aware" of back wound ^{one of the}

Omits Perry as doctor who examined Connolly says "Dr. Humes decided not to dissect the track" through the neck. Presumably "neck" and it was not Humes' decision.

Omits Humes' destruction of protocol says NYT wire said 11/20/63 in negating JFK wounded at Adams' apple

"as far as is known" not et uncertainties of autopsy taken by staff (Commission)

Review of books, omits Wk - cites later books, Epstein, Lane, Thompson says blank panel differed from aut. dates only on 'front, head wound. signs different description of injury from in body

In presenting questions omits anterior neck as entrance wound

Committee panel asked to determine

- 1) points of agreement
- 2) unique of autopsy as done
- 3) Recommendations
- 4) detail funding

Missing autopsy materials still missing. Car's found.

2) Dr Lowell Devine used to identify but says film authenticity
Culom - ~~McKeeney?~~ ^{McLamy} ~~Barney?~~ " " "
On identification, view stereoscopic, no alteration - limited
to authenticity only - no reference to damage

Dr. Baden, Michael, Ch. Committee medical panel. He is very nervous.
Three drinks water before exhibit referred to. Moved Mike
many times, also himself sleep in motion of some kind.

Only "relevant materials" not made available to panel limited
to what Blakey listed, missing parts hair, etc. Does not
mention destruction of evidence, as that of tie, which it would
not have examined
attributes death to two wounds - including non-fatal
Photo of back wound - does not give position of body + what
of any significance it has

Color of abrasion around back wound means entrance
deep hole in back of jacket "corresponds exactly" with wound
shows actual injury, using blowups

Irregularity of thoracic vertebrae
Sketch of anterior neck ^{would} ^{of drawing} ^{a photo}
Because it is a sketch, ^{almost} direct by front ^{view} This is
impossible because there was no such view. He & counsel

Renneth) Rubin made this in the way they use.
Amjans about damage & says "corresponds directly" with
neck wound & says it is "characteristic" of bullet exit.
associates the "neck" & says it "corresponds" with that one.
When the fu is in a knot, this is both false & misleading

of autopsy reports says neither report prepared day after
an autopsy. Fake second day after autopsy. Heby -
press reconstruction of one prepared day after autopsy

3) Drawing showing track places as entrance mark lower.
Bader limits himself to "direction"; avoids any angles +

5) Comparison with official story. His own 3 possible
orientations do not include this steep on angle
Any WC drawing depicts "same track" but says
fork entrance would be higher than actual - by 2 inches

Steeper angle downward + would be 2" lower than WC
Head - would of entrance JFK 52, 54, 297 then used X-ray through
Does not orient ↑ + computerized en hammer cement

Shows metallic fragment about all the way between back + front,
toward top of skull all the way.

Concludes entrance "upper portion" of skull
Does not show 40 "dust-like" fragments

"Point of entrance" is "marked by this large metal fragment"
(no mention of this fragment in autopsy report or by W.C. in
his Report)

Step 3 bone fragments ^{all} found in Linnovine
"Significantly different" is opinion on point of entrance over
autopsy report - by 4 inches.

Drops it here + with Kellin's question limits to front-to-back
direction. No interpretation of necessity of either in discrepancy
of its meaning.

Step "Harper fragments" found "few days later"
Establishes "directionality" from "other evidence" of which
he mentions only Zep film

5) "No significant amount of bullet" in wound (what is "significant" & in what sense? Compared with metal missing from CE 399? He avoids this & what is "significant" for what is not, what he says was "in" the bone, which is not what was testified to before W.C.

Although he is not asked if whole bullet caused wound he says they agreed it "dropped out", with - but any history of where & how or why or when Panel concluded that all injuries caused by one bullet, which includes thigh, because it has "no other reasonable wound" & because ~~the~~ partly spent when it hit thigh & leg so wrist.

Single bullet - based on entrance in Connally - ~~transitory~~ memo "could have come from the neck of the President" and that position of both men is "consistent" with this.

Examines CE 399 & handles it. All of panel examined it & concluded, on consistency, on single bullet theory, that it was "consistent with wound caused all the wounds described" is left to Wecht, add on.

An conclusion on OFR autopsy / own that they found ~~procedures~~ - "There was a ~~bullet~~ no other bullet of deficiencies" in it, agreeing with "exemption of jurisdiction on Parkland opinion of front entrance of neck says not that they didn't say it but he "little trained" because they're not "trained" as ~~pathology~~ etc."

Says that because they did not know of bullet hole in back they just assumed this was of entrance. (He seems to assume that a bullet that enters does not exit, or there would be an exit hole)

Says that autopsy doctors "did not appreciate that there was a two shot theory". False. It is in FBI report as their instant knowledge.

On account of the 4" error in head entrance he says that "if my autopsy film is adequate for definitive statements" and says that all 3 products still believe in their original error.

He ignores their access to & examination of X-ray. Why Dr. Meyer asks if it is possible for there to have been two head wounds, he limits to error & Baden omits large defect in limiting to just my skull, with out the large defect, which would not show in X-ray of later.

Says that since "single bullet theory untenable" but basis this (falsely) on coronal x-rays. His WC just among is explicit & detailed on other reasons

Lyftin says that there is discrepancy of out of evidence "known" to be used not previously public

9/17/78 p.m. On PBS commentary Lytton says Thomas burned his notes
2) "Certain portions in my rough draft notes"
Baden again refers to piece of metal at front of head entrance wound,
again saying nothing more about it & omission of any autopsy or

W.C. mention of it - or its size
CIC + Committee also ignore Herms' hydrocephalic planning & description
of "fracture tangential to the scalp as both did on a.m. ^{section}"
When Payer asks "what happened to the fragments" Baden gives
a dishonest answer by restricting himself to the few minutes
fragments & then ends by saying they were "removed" & are
"preserved" in a ribbon. Only 2 of these were recovered. The large
one at the back of the head was not removed. Baden knows
prior whether or not Payer asks. Staff knows of by no
other way from Post mortem.

"There is fracture of front transverse" water bore
There is an "out of art" not metal in this area. Maybe piece of
dent.

Says wooden bullet can cause small regular wound like
front neck. Does not state probabilities of this

Testifying on condition 399 says only "concomitant injury that would
have caused 'significant damage'" & 399 is inst. In this he
says nothing about mutilation, limit to deformity, ignores
any marking from home

Volunteers that body taken to Bethesda "apparently at the
request of the family" - which is not true & on which
he offered no word since

Says nothing of autopsy doctor had experiences with gunshot -
wounds. This in fact was Finley's area of expertise
expertise - esp in wound ballistics at Walter Reed

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Referring to alleged neck exit wound double its size to 6-7 mm dia.
Says bullet exited at collar where holes are - He has not felt / read
to evidence of holes in collar

Asked of surgical damage to shirt + tie "Was far as
we could find no evidence that tie was not cut - The
shirt was not cut at that point."

Says not for position there is slit in cloth and "edges
are well approximated"

Says that graphing of murder is unique as 2 of films, so
They attribute no memory to motion of head. Did he
know her of her + of war-time photographs + film?

He says they are no such pictures anywhere
Bullet "might have struck" just thoracic vertebrae

Says King + M-C bullet are of "comparable" ~~size~~ because of
velocities. Big difference in velocities - speed
type King soft - JFR hard bullet jackets
Finally says King soft-nosed + not fully jacketed

Reports no chest fragment in J.B. Connally's body / bag.
Removed from wrist. Contradicted by all ear her evidence
"Oblong blue discoloration" in rt. front of brain - "not a metal
object" + "most probably represents exposed blood vessel"
"There is no way to compare how some persons react to injury"
Does not compare striking bone with not striking bone

W. J. O. Holmes - just took "many" photos + the "basically" whole or
full body X-ray, not "many" just a few "full" body X-rays.
He is both defensive + aggressive on short notice of that many,
4 of hours did not give him time to refresh recollection
Stank on original protocol I insist visible wound is "exactly
where he said it was" (based on his present version of above
the right of the script) (He had said "slightly" above.
Began to write report 11pm 11/23 + worked on it until 5 am.
Had "the draft" notes which he had prepared as the
autopsy room

"Original notes which were stained with the President's
blood was inappropriate" so he says he lifted them
and he had destroyed them the originals.

No number has any question of him so it does give him

5 minutes
~~at~~ weight ~~disputes~~ 399 disputes 399 with possession + language
unhidden, camera show Baden, in audience, smiling
Testified at his own request - not asked by committee
Guy born wall columns after Perry did - only time
two staff witness examined one witness. He seeks to
reduce it all to "a difference of opinions". Comes up by using

all members of committee argued + sought to cross-examine

The dir. Sawyer doesn't even know spell of bullet

Blakely says most like Billy destroyed missing materials
Ran around after 6 pm.