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Section 6

The Cover-up Accelerates

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[Warning: This work constitutes an historic review of a brutal murder! Readers are advised that certain portions of this work may be disturbing to some individuals. If an individual is easily disturbed by this report they are advised to limit their viewing experience.]

*"I hope Bobby never becomes President of the United States.
If he becomes President, they'll do to him what they did to Jack."*
Jackie Kennedy

Parkland Hospital

"President Kennedy and Governor Connally have both been shot and are in our emergency room. I think the president is dying and Governor Connally is wounded in the arm."

Doctor Donald Seldin



Outside Emergency entrance at Parkland Hospital

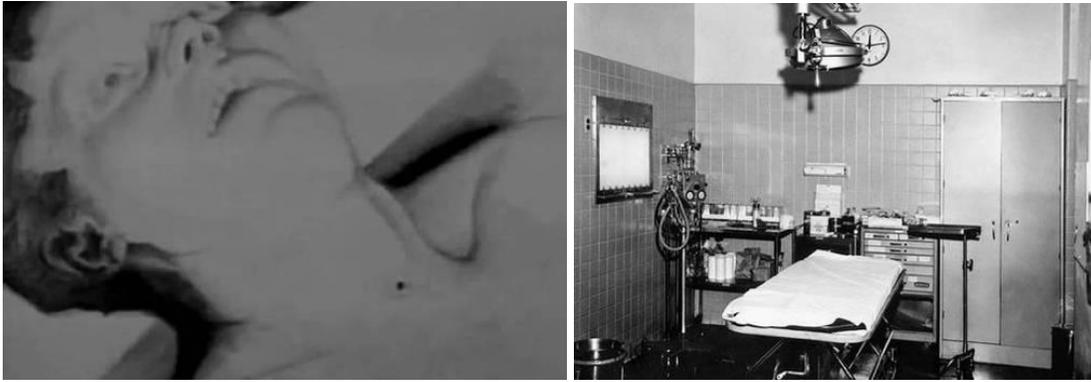
WHAT THE PARKLAND DOCTORS SAW AND REPORTED

Dr. Robert McClelland reported, "Probably a third or so, at least, of the brain tissue, posterior cerebral tissue, and some of the cerebellar tissue had been blasted out." "As soon as he was placed from the gurney onto the emergency table, it was obvious from his ghastly head wound that he was DOA, and regardless of all the impressive medical acumen and experience present, there was no hope of restoring his life. He was flat-lined from the onset. However, the official word went out that physicians were working toward that end, and it was erroneously reported by the press that he was alive for thirteenth-five minutes after his fatal wound."

Rear Admiral Dr. George Burkley remarked, "I immediately entered the room, went to the head of the table and viewed the President. It was evident that death was imminent and that he was in a hopeless condition."

Dr. Malcolm O. Perry II and Dr. Kemp William Clark, chief of neurosurgery at Parkland Hospital gave details of the condition of Kennedy's body. They reported President Kennedy was hit by a bullet in the throat, just below the Adam's apple. To this trauma room doctor very familiar with this type of injury the wound had the appearance of a bullet's entry. Mark Lane wrote, "The doctors who had labored in a futile effort to save Kennedy's life at Parkland Hospital all stated in contemporaneous interviews that the wound in his throat had been an entrance wound."

Dr. Perry stated three times at a press conference later that day that Kennedy's neck wound appeared to be an entrance wound. When interviewed by the Warren Commission he changed his 'testimony' to match the required 'single bullet theory' cover-up story. Perry said that he then believed that a "full jacketed bullet without deformation passing through the skin would leave a similar wound for an exit and entrance wound and with the facts which you have made available and with these assumptions, I believe that it was an exit wound."



Parkland Hospital medical drawing of Kennedy's neck wound and Parkland Hospital Trauma Room 1

In 1973, due to a request ('demand') by the Kennedy family, the National Archives purchased all of the equipment that had been used in Trauma Room 1. These critical murder investigation items were then housed in an underground facility under the control of the federal government, I.E. the National Archives, in Lenexa, Kansas. The medical cover-up was covering all bases.

Dr. Cyril Wecht, President of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences who has conducted thousands of homicide autopsies reported, "Despite the semantical sophistry and intellectual gymnastics of the forensic pathology panel report, it is clear that the single-bullet theory can no longer be maintained as an explanation for the bullet wounds in JFK's back and neck, and all the bullet wounds in Gov. John B. Connally. The angles at which these two men were hit do not permit a straight line trajectory, or near straight line trajectory, of Commission exhibit 399 [magic bullet] to be established. Indeed, quite the opposite is true. **In order to accept the single-bullet theory, it is necessary to have the bullet move at different vertical and horizontal angles, a path of flight that has never been experienced or suggested for any bullet known to mankind.**"

Kennedy's personal physician, Rear Admiral George Gregory Burkley, signed a death certificate on November 23 and noted that the cause of death was a "gunshot wound to the skull". He described the fatal head wound as something "shattering in type causing a fragmentation of the skull and evulsion of three particles of the skull at time of the impact, with resulting maceration of the right hemisphere of the brain." He also noted "a second wound occurred in the posterior back at about the level of the third thoracic vertebra".

A second certificate of death, signed on December 6, 1963 by Theron Ward, a Justice of the Peace in Dallas County, stated that Kennedy died "as a result of two gunshot wounds (1) near the center of the body and just above the right shoulder, and (2) 1 inch to the right center of the back of the head."

*Question: Once again why no mention of the wound to the neck?
And why was a second death certificate issued?*

New York Times – November 27, 1963

Dr. Kemp Clark who pronounced Mr. Kennedy dead said one [bullet] struck him at about the necktie. "It ranged downward in his chest and did not exit" the surgeon said. The second he called a "tangential wound," caused by a bullet that struck the right back of the head.

The Fake Kennedy ‘Autopsy’

“The medical and scientific evidence demonstrates clearly that there were two or more shooters.”

Dr. Cyril Wecht, Forensic pathologist

FIRST MEDICAL COVER-UP OBJECTIVE – ILLEGALLY REMOVE THE BODY

Dallas County medical examiner Dr. Earl F. Rose (1926-2012) was in his office at Parkland across the corridor from Trauma Room 1 when he received word that Kennedy had been pronounced dead. He walked across the corridor to the trauma room occupied by Mrs. Kennedy and a priest who had been called in to administer the last rites to the president.

There, Dr. Rose was met by Secret Service agent Roy Kellerman, who had failed to protect the president, and Kennedy’s personal physician Dr. George Burkley who told him that there wasn’t any time to perform an autopsy in Dallas because Mrs. Kennedy would not leave Dallas without her husband’s body which was to be delivered promptly to the airport. Dr. Rose objected, insisting that the **Texas state law** required him to perform a post-mortem examination before the body could be removed. A heated exchange ensued as he argued with Kennedy’s aides. Kennedy’s body was placed in a casket and, accompanied by Mrs. Kennedy, rolled down the corridor on a gurney. Rose stood in a hospital doorway, backed by a local policeman, in an attempt to prevent anybody from removing the coffin. According to Robert Caro’s *The Years of Lyndon Johnson: The Passage of Power* the President’s aides “had literally shoved [Dr. Rose] and the policeman aside to get out of the building.”

In a 1992 interview published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, Rose said, “The law was broken” and that “a Texas autopsy would have assured a tight chain of custody on all the evidence.” Dr. Rose stated that he had stepped aside feeling that it was unwise to exacerbate the tension.

He also remarked, “I was in their way. I was face-to-face with Secret Service agent Roy H. Kellerman, and I was trying to explain to him that Texas law applied in the instant case of the death of the president, and that the law required an required an autopsy to be performed in Texas. No one was in charge of the situation. Agent Kellerman tried three tactics to have his way – he asserted his identity as representing the Secret Service; he appealed for sympathy to Mrs. Kennedy; and he used body language to attempt to bully, or should I say, intimidate... At no time did I feel I was in physical danger because he and the others were armed. I was not looking at Agent Kellerman’s gun, I was looking at his eyes, and they were very intense. His eyes said he meant to get the president’s body back to Washington.”

In 2003, Rose said he still believed that he and his staff should have been allowed to perform the post-mortem examination of Kennedy and that many conspiracy theories about the assassination would have been quelled had he examined the President.

Fact: This clearly shows that the Kennedys, the Secret Service, and the Presidential aides felt they were above the law which they clearly were in 1963. Since when in legal history does the wife of a murder victim make policy on how or where the victim will be examined in what was clearly a death penalty murder case? If Dr. Rose had been able to perform the autopsy in Dallas the ability of governmental officials to later alter the autopsy to show a lone gunman would have been at the very least severely limited or even impossible. This is a very good example of the laws of this nation being applied unequally to the rich, famous or politically powerful. This two-tiered system of justice in the United States of America is still very much in effect as of this writing. Don’t believe

that is true? Ask the family of 28 year old Mary Jo Kopechne, who was killed by Senator Ted Kennedy in 1969!



Hearse arrives at Parkland Hospital

A few minutes after 2:00 p.m. CST, Kennedy's remains were taken from Parkland Hospital to Love Field. His casket was then loaded onto Air Force One through the rear door, where it remained at the rear of the passenger compartment in place of a removed row of seats.

At 2:38 p.m. CST, Lyndon Johnson, with Jacqueline Kennedy at his side, took the oath of office that was administered by federal judge Sarah T. Hughes on board *Air Force One* shortly before it departed from Love Field for the flight back to Washington, D.C.

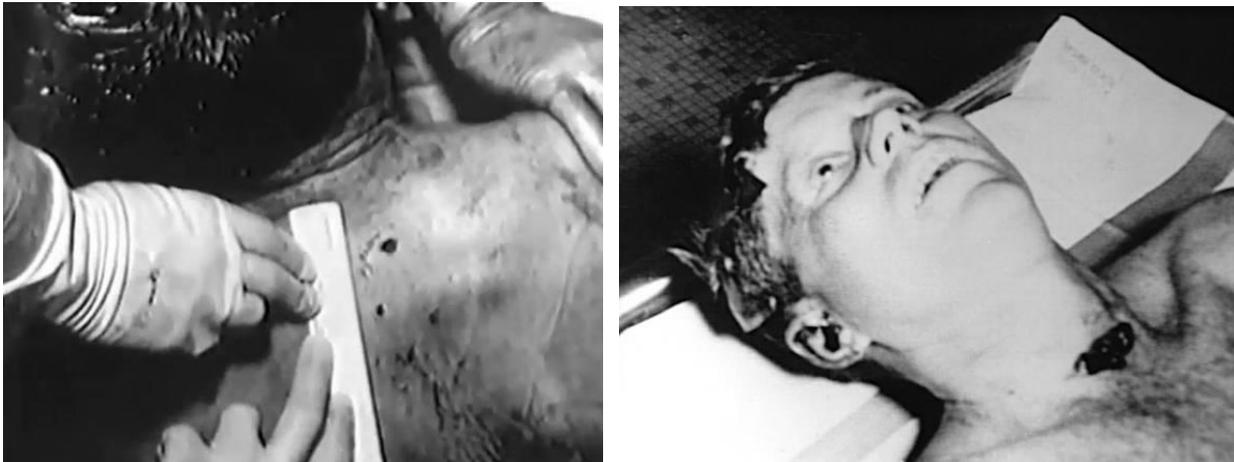


Lyndon Johnson with Jacqueline Kennedy at his side took the oath of office



SECOND MEDICAL COVER-UP OBJECTIVE – CHANGE THE BODY BEFORE THE AUTOPSY

CIA Agent John Stockwell reported, “[They] manipulated the photograph to put hair in places where there wasn’t hair before and cover-up wounds that... They literally cut the head of the President and you can see where they added in-effect a taupe to cover-up the... where the wounds existed.”



Doctored autopsy photo of Kennedy’s back.

Why no mention of the neck wound that was modified to show an exit wound?

THIRD MEDICAL COVER-UP OBJECTIVE – PERFORM THE COVER-UP AUTOPSY

The government controlled autopsy of President John F. Kennedy was performed, beginning at about 8 p.m. E.S.T. November 22, 1963, on the day of his assassination and ending at about 12:30 a.m. E.S.T. November 23, 1963, at a government facility the Bethesda Naval Hospital in Bethesda, Maryland. In point of fact there was no real autopsy performed on the president.

Fact: The choice of autopsy hospital in the Washington, D.C. area was made by his widow, Jacqueline Kennedy.

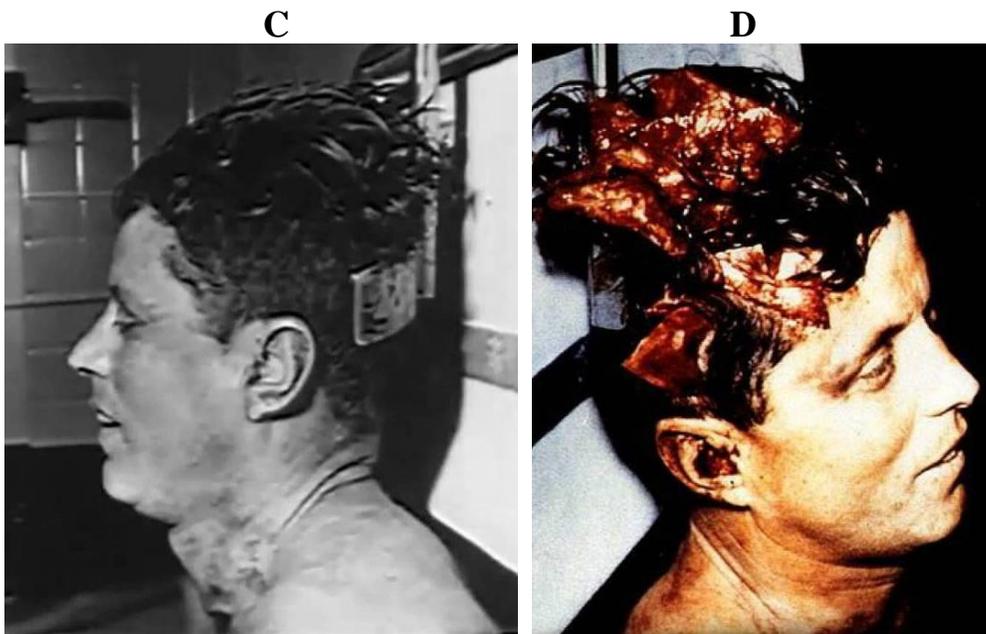
Question: Why was a member of the family in this Texas murder case allowed to decide where the autopsy was to be performed?

A

B



Images of Kennedy just after fatal head wound in **A** and **B**.
 Note the lack of any damage to the top and back of his head in this enhanced digital close-up.



Autopsy images of Kennedy. **C** – Left side of the head. **D** – Right side of the head.
 Note the great damage now to the head in **D** which does NOT match the actual
 gunshot wounds shown in **A** and **B**.
 Clearly the autopsy was faked to show a shot from behind which did not occur.

Lt. Comm. William Bruce Pitzer (1917-1966) Pitzer stated that he would reveal the truth about the fake autopsy when he retired from the Navy. **Murdered. Single gunshot to the head just before he was scheduled to retire.**

Pitzer was a naval officer whose rather untimely death is suspected to have had a connection with the assassination of President Kennedy. Pitzer worked at the National Naval Medical Center where Kennedy's autopsy took place. Pitzer's reportedly had possession of autopsy-related film and photographs. Mentioned in the television documentary *The Men Who Killed Kennedy*, Dennis David a fellow naval officer of Pitzer's reported that he saw these images in Pitzer's office at the NNMC. They appeared to David to contradict the official findings of the fake military autopsy. Lt. Comm. Pitzer had documented Kennedy's autopsy and knew that official reports and images had

been altered to show a single gunman myth. Kennedy wounds had been clearly altered prior to autopsy.

Pitzer's body was found in the NNMC television studio next to his office with a single gunshot wound to the head. Pitzer's death occurred the same day that the Kennedy family agreed, through their attorney, to release to the National Archives several items related to the autopsy of the fallen president, including photographs and x-rays. **One is reminded that the government autopsy images made by the Navy medical team do not belong to the Kennedy family:** They are government documents belonging to the American people. As would be expected the Naval investigation into Pitzer's death reported no evidence of foul play.

The autopsy was under complete military [governmental] control. Required efforts were not done including a probe to trace the angle of the neck wound and to check the trajectory of the wound to the back Admiral Blakely would not allow it to be done. He was now fully engaged in covering up the murder of President Kennedy. Navy Commander Dr. James J. Humes burned the Kennedy autopsy notes in his fireplace.

The Warren Commission reported that no bullet or fragment was removed from the President. However, on November 22, 1963 a FBI receipt verified that a bullet or "missile" was in fact removed during the autopsy. Once again this actual data eliminates the "single bullet theory." A later FBI summary reported "several fragments of lead were recovered..."

22 NOVEMBER 1963

*From: Francis X. O'NEILL, Jr., Agent FBI
James W. SIBERT, Agent FBI*

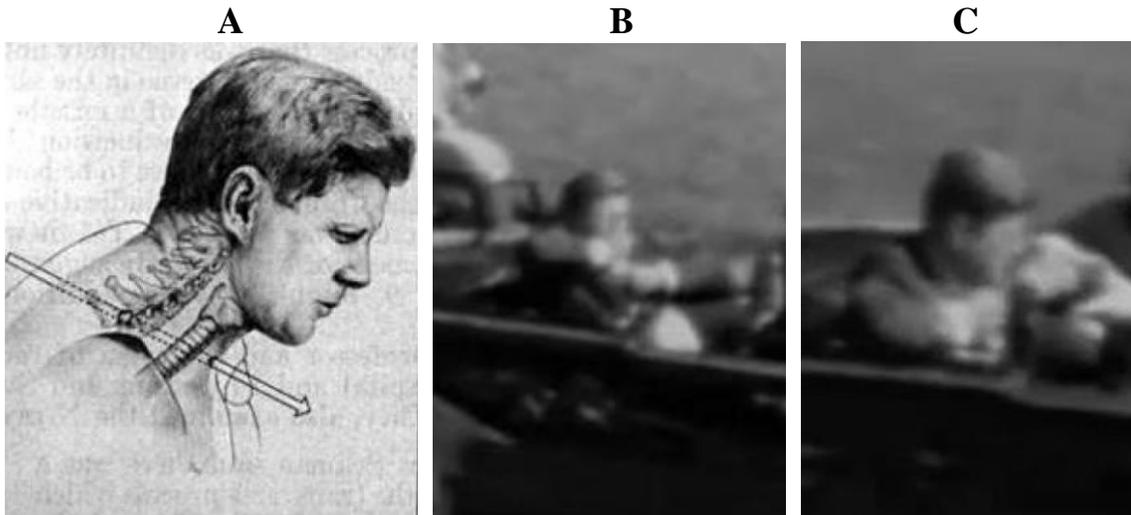
*To: Captain J. H. STOVER, Jr., Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Medical School,
National Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland.*

*1. We hereby acknowledge receipt of a missile removed by Commander James J. HUMES,
MC, USN on this date.*

Francis X. O'NEILL, Jr.

James W. SIBERT

FORTH MEDICAL COVER-UP OBJECTIVE – PUBLISH THE FAKE DATA



A - The United States House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) published this drawing to falsely indicate that one bullet fired from behind hit Kennedy in the back and came out through the throat as he was leaning forward.

B/C - However, **clearly President Kennedy was not leaning forward** when he was hit '**B**', he was seated in an upright position and continued to sit upright '**C**' even after he was hit! If he was hit from behind he would have leaned forward. In the photo he is clearly well back in the seat in an upright position. Soon after '**B**' the President received a bullet in the back.

Individuals close to the case have stated that the bullet that reportedly passed through President Kennedy's body and hit Governor Connally – dubbed by critics of the Commission as the “magic bullet” – was missing too little mass to account for the total weight of bullet fragments later found by the doctors who operated on Connally at Parkland Hospital. Those making this case included the governor's chief surgeon, Dr. Robert Shaw, as well as two of Kennedy's autopsy surgeons, Commander Dr. James Humes and Lt. Colonel Dr. Pierre Finck.

In his 1981 book *Best Evidence*, author David Lifton presented the thesis that President Kennedy's dead body had been altered between the Dallas hospital and the autopsy site at Bethesda for the purposes of creating erroneous conclusions about the number and direction of the shots.

Many researchers, including Robert J. Groden, assert that these photos are fakes. In 1979, after the House Select Committee on Assassinations had disbanded, Groden said that four autopsy photographs showing the back of Kennedy's head were forged to hide a wound fired from a second gunman. According to Robert Groden (b. 1945), a photograph of a cadaver's head was inserted over another depicting a large exit wound in the back of the president's head.

Previously unpublished color footage filmed on the assassination day by George Jefferies was released on February 19, 2007, by the Sixth Floor Museum, Dallas, Texas. The film does not include the shooting, having been taken roughly 90 seconds beforehand and a couple of blocks away. The only detail relevant to the investigation of the assassination is a clear view of President Kennedy's bunched suit jacket, just below the collar, which has led to different calculations about how low in the back President Kennedy was shot. It is but one more fact that shows the shot to Kennedy's back was lower than in the autopsy report and thus made even clearer that one bullet could not have entered his back and exited his throat. The holes in the back of his shirt and jacket show a wound far too low to be consistent with the “single bullet theory”. Once again actual physical evidence precludes a “magic bullet.”



A drawing depicting the posterior head wound of President Kennedy, made from a doctored autopsy photograph. The small nearly circular posterior scalp wound is at the end of the hair part, near the end of the ruler, and immediately to the right of it.

Robert J. Groden who worked to get the Zapruder film released to the public was a New York City motion picture optical specialist. He worked for the House Select Committee on Assassinations on images. When he reviewed the autopsy image of the back of Kennedy's head wound he wrote. "I wanted to find out how it was the Warren Commission concluded the shots came from the rear when all the doctors at Parkland Hospital, every one of them, wrote in their reports that Kennedy's head was blasted out. When I saw the autopsy photographs I was shocked. After years in the photo optic work I knew what I saw; and what I saw was a matte line in the photograph of the back of the President's head. That's when two photographic elements come together visually and there's an overlap. I saw a soft edged matte insertion forgery of very high quality which made it appear as if there were a small wound of entry in the rear of the President's head." **"I wrote a report about it... saying that based on my professional opinion the autopsy photographs of the President's head had been retouched."**

Douglas Horne, the Assassination Record Review Board's chief analyst for military records, said he was "90 to 95% certain" that the photographs in the National Archives are not really of Kennedy's brain. Supporting Horne was Dr. Gary Aguilar, who stated, "According to Horne's findings, the second brain – which showed an exit wound in the front – allegedly replaced Kennedy's real brain – which revealed much greater damage to the rear consistent with an exit wound and thus evidence of a shot from the front."

Paul O'Connor, a laboratory technologist who assisted in the President's autopsy, claimed that the autopsy at Bethesda Naval Hospital was conducted in obedience to a high command and that nearly all the brain matter in Kennedy's skull was already missing before the autopsy at Bethesda hospital.

In his book *JFK and the Unspeakable*, James Douglass cites autopsy doctor Pierre Finck's testimony at the trial of Clay Shaw as evidence that Finck was "...a reluctant witness to the military control over the doctors' examination of the president's body."

A bone fragment found in Dealey Plaza by William Allen Harper the day following the assassination was reported by the HSCA's Forensic Pathology Panel to have been part of Kennedy's parietal bone. Critics of the lone gunman theory, and it is truly only a theory and not a very solid one at that, including James Douglass, David Lifton, and David Mantick, state that the bone fragment is actually a piece of occipital bone ejected from an exit wound in the back of Kennedy's head. They stated this finding is evidence of a cover-up as it proves that the published skull radiographs obtained during the autopsy which do not show significant bone loss in the occipital area are not authentic.

FIFTH MEDICAL COVER-UP OBJECTIVE – THREATEN THE MEN WHO DID THE COVER-UP

Dr. Humes, "We did our job and we signed the report and it was very straightforward and unequivocal. We don't feel we should discuss the matter anymore. That is the position we are taking and that is the position we have been instructed (ordered) to take by our superiors."

The order to cover-up and keep secret the false autopsy work from the American people came on November 26, 1963 from "Commanding Officer, U.S. Naval Medical School".

1. You are reminded that you are under verbal orders of the Surgeon General, United States Navy, to discuss with no one events connected with your official duties on the evening of 22 November – 23 November 1963.

2. *This letter constitutes official notification and reiteration of these verbal orders. You are warned that infraction of these orders make you liable to Court Martial proceedings under appropriate articles of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.*

Personnel present during autopsy

Non-medical personnel from law-enforcement/security

- o John J. O’Leary: Secret Service agent. With Kennedy on trip to Dallas.
- o William Greer: Secret Service agent. With Kennedy on trip to Dallas.
- o Roy Kellerman: Secret Service agent. With Kennedy on trip to Dallas.
- o Francis X. O’Neill: FBI special agent.
- o James “Jim” Sibert: FBI special agent, assisting Francis O’Neill

Medical personnel and assistants

Official autopsy signatories:

- o Commander J. Thornton Boswell, M.D., M C, USN: chief of pathology at Naval Medical Center Bethesda.
- o Commander James J. Humes, M.D., M C, USN: director of laboratories of the National Medical School, Naval Medical Center, Bethesda. Chief autopsy pathologist for the JFK autopsy. Officially conducted autopsy.
- o Lieutenant Colonel Pierre A. Finck, M.D.M C, USA: Chief of the military environmental pathology division and chief of the wound ballistics pathology branch at Walter Reed Medical Center.

Other medical personnel

- o John Thomas Stringer, Jr: medical photographer
- o Floyd Albert Riebe: medical photographer

Personnel present during autopsy

- o PO Raymond Oswald, USN: medical photographer on call
- o Paul Kelly O’Connor: laboratory technologist
- o James Curtis Jenkins: laboratory technologist
- o Edward F. Reed: X-ray technician
- o Jerrol F. Custer: X-ray technician
- o Jan Gail Rudnicki: Dr. Boswell’s lab tech assistant on the night of the autopsy
- o PO James E. Metzler, USN: Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class
- o John H. Ebersole: Assistant Chief of Radiology
- o Lieutenant Commander Gregory H. Cross, M.D., M C, USN: resident in surgery
- o Lieutenant Commander Donald L. Kelley, M.D., MC, USN: resident in surgery
- o CPO Chester H. Boyers, USN: chief petty officer in charge of the pathology division, visited the autopsy room during the final stages to type receipts given by FBI and Secret Service for items obtained.
- o Vice Admiral Edward C. Kenney, M.D., MC, USN: surgeon general of the U.S. Navy
- o Dr. George Bakeman, USN
- o Rear Admiral George Berkley, M.D., MC, USN: the president’s personal physician
- o Captain James M. Young, M.D., MC, USN: the attending physician to the White House
- o Robert Frederick Karnei, M.D.: Bethesda pathologist
- o Captain David P. Osborne, M.D., MC, USN: chief of surgery at Bethesda
- o Captain Robert O. Canada, M.D., USN: commanding officer of Bethesda Naval Hospital

Additional military personnel

- o Brigadier General Godfrey McHugh, USAF: US military aide to the President on the Dallas trip
- o Rear Admiral Calvin B. Galloway, USN: commanding officer of the U.S. Naval Medical Center, Bethesda
- o Captain John H. Stover, Jr., USN: commanding officer of the U.S. Naval Medical School, Bethesda
- o Major General Philip C. Wehle, USA: commanding officer of the U.S. Military District of Washington, D.C., entered to make arrangements for the funeral and lying in state.
- o 2nd Lieutenant Richard A. Lipsey, USA Jr.: aide to General Wehle
- o 1st Lieutenant Samuel A. Bird, USA: head of the Old Guard.
- o Sr. CPO, Alexander Wadas: Chief on duty.

Others: At the termination of the autopsy, the following personnel from Gawler's Funeral Home entered the autopsy room to prepare the President's body for viewing and burial:

- o John VanHoesen
- o Edwin Stroble
- o Thomas E. Robinson
- o Joe Hagen

"No civilian expert – no one not in government military service was permitted at the autopsy examination."

U.S. Senate Investigator Harold Weisberg

The next murder

Grant Stockdale – December 2, 1963

Edward Grant Stockdale (1915-1963) – Murdered. Pushed from his 13th floor office window of the DuPont building in Miami, Florida. United States Ambassador to Ireland from 1961 to 1962. Close long time friend of Kennedy who had flown to Washington, D.C., on November 26, 1963 to meet with Robert and Edward Kennedy. After the meeting he informed his attorney that people connected to the assassination were out to kill him. This means that the Kennedy family knew that Oswald was not the killer and possibly who was responsible for the murder. (I.E. Robert Kennedy suspected the CIA)

Grant Stockdale's daughter Ann Stockdale stated, "One thing I do know is that Kennedy asked daddy to go to the Air Force Base south of Miami to see if (against Kennedy's orders) bombs were being loaded on the planes [to attack targets in Cuba]. Bombs WERE being loaded on the planes. I believe one of the reasons daddy was killed was because he knew that the Government was being run by the Military Complex. The Military Complex didn't want the American people to realize (and still don't) that they were calling the shots. Daddy knew he was being followed ... and he told mom that THEY were going to get him... and they did!"

"There was an attempt on my life also several days after daddy's funeral. I realize now that this was a scare tactic to silence my mother... i.e., if you speak about anything, your kids are dead. It worked!"



John Kennedy and Grant Stockdale

He had earlier attended the funeral of President Kennedy at the invitation of Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy.

Three more murders to cover-up the conspiracy

On the evening of November 24, 1963, the same day Ruby murdered Oswald, reporters Jim Koethe and Bill Hunter along with Ruby's attorney Tom Howard, entered Ruby's apartment at 223 South Ewing Street, apartment 207. All three men were later murdered.



Ruby's bedroom

Bill Hunter – April 23, 1964 – **Murdered**. Reporter 'accidentally' shot in the heart by police officer as he sat at his desk. Was one of three men who entered and investigated Ruby's apartment the night Ruby killed Oswald.

Jim Koethe – September 21, 1964 – **Murdered**. Reporter killed by karate chop to the neck. Apartment ransacked with notes on Kennedy murder removed and never located. Was one of three men who entered and investigated Ruby's apartment the night Ruby killed Oswald.

Tom Howard – March 27, 1965 – **Murdered**. Jack Ruby's attorney died of 'apparent' heart attack at age 48. Was one of three men who entered and investigated Ruby's apartment the evening of the day Ruby killed Oswald. Tom Howard interviewed Ruby and took notes on the conspiracy to kill Kennedy.

[END PART 24]

R. Michael Gordon, 2021

[Next week: Part 25: Official governmental cover-ups.]