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Subject: Additional Comments on Autopsy X-Rays and Photographs
In the last paragraph of the attached e-mail, I made an error which I wish to correct here. When I stated that the HSCA did not show the JFK autopsy photos to John Stringer, I was in error; after the initial phone interview of Stringer on August 12, 1977, Stringer met with Andy Purdy, Jim Kelly and Colleen Boland in the National Archives on August 15, 1977 for the purpose of viewing the autopsy photos, and together they viewed all of the color photos of the body, and the color and black-and-white photos of the brain. (In addition to this viewing, Stringer was a participant and a signatory of the November 1, 1966 "Military Review" Inventory of these materials.) This re-focus on John Stringer has resulted from both conversations with David Marwell, and repeated perusal of the 11/1/66 Military Inventory, and the 1/26/67 "Military Review" Report, which linked the autopsy results and the photos & X-Rays for the first time. As a result of my re-focus, I feel I have discovered compelling evidence of an exit wound in the back of the President's Head; this evidence has been present in the record for years, but to realize the significance of it, one must compare 3 separate items--the 11/1/66 Inventory, the 1/26/67 "Military Review" Report, and the photographs themselves. Summarizing, here is the evidence of which I speak: (1) In the 11/1/66 Inventory, which Stringer, the 3 prosecutors and Dr. Ebersole (the autopsy radiologist) signed, photos 17, 18, 44 and 45 are described as "missile wound over entrance in posterior skull, following reflection of the scalp." (2) In the 1/26/67 "Military Review" Report, on page 4, the 3 prosecutors say "Photographs 17, 18, 44 and 45 show the other half of the margin of the exit wound; and also show the beveling of the bone characteristic of a wound of exit." (3) Marrying up the above two written observations by key personnel present at the autopsy, one can unambiguously conclude that in the opinion of the personnel who wrote and signed these reports, these autopsy photos of the back (posterior) of the President's head show a beveled exit wound. (4) When one looks at photo #17, for example, and considers what these people wrote in 2 Government documents in 1966 and 1967, one significantly finds corroboration in the photographic record for drawings of the head wound made by James C. Jenkins and Paul O'Connor in 1977, and for the numerous observations of an occipital-parietal wound made by Parkland medical personnel. This orientation for photo #17 is also consistent with the Rydberg drawing of the back of the head supervised by Humes, CE 386, found on page 977 of volume 16 of the Warren Commission hearings. That drawing, made from memory without the benefit of looking at the photographs, and photo #17, are a very close match. In opposition to the conclusions reached by Humes, Boswell, Finck, Ebersole and Stringer that these photos show the back of the head, the Clark Panel decided they depicted the "cranial cavity with brain removed viewed from above and in front." The Clark Panel further decided that the beveled exit wound
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