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**Subject:** Re: Public Reports on the JFK Autopsy

David and Kathy-- thanks to both of you for responding. We are going to be looking into this issue a little more, but before we do, I thought I would see what information you already had about this. I am sending someone to the Library of Congress today to begin a systematic review. We are searching for the first published media reports confirming that there had been an autopsy and the first reports describing the supposed autopsy findings. You might be interested in the following: New York World-Telegram and Sun, Saturday, November 23. "UPI Washington, Nov. 23. President Kennedy actually was shot twice yesterday by an assassin. An authoritative White House source [presumably, directly or indirectly, Burkley] said one bullet entered Kennedy's head and another penetrated the 'neck and chest.' The source said White House officials did not know until this morning about the second wound. Previously there had been some question whether Kennedy was hit once or twice. . . . Doctors who attended the late President in the hospital emergency ward at Dallas, Texas, had said it was difficult to determine whether the two wounds had been caused by two bullets or one." The article contains no mention of an autopsy. New York Herald Tribune, November 27. . . . On the basis of accumulated data, investigators have concluded that the first shot, fired as the Presidential car was approaching, struck the President in the neck just above the knot of his necktie then ranged downward into his body. The second, it is believed, was fired as he turned toward Mrs. Kennedy. This is the one that struck in the back of his head, to the right, and it is believed to have been the fatal shot. The bullet found in the stretcher on which the President was borne to the hospital is believed to be the one that inflicted the head wound. . . . It is not known whether the bullet that entered Mr. Kennedy's body was recovered. Ordinarily, this would have been removed in an autopsy, but it has been announced that none was performed. Officials at Bethesda Naval Hospital . . . declined to say yesterday whether there had been an autopsy." [Later in the article it says:] "Congress[ional] support was voiced in favor of revealing all details surrounding the slaying of President Kennedy. 'Some people debated for a century whether John Wilkes Booth killed Lincoln, now is the time to get the whole story of the Kennedy assassination,' said one senator." Washington Post, Wed. Dec. 18 (by Nate Haseltine). "President Kennedy was shot twice, both times from the rear, and could readily have survived the first bullet which was found deep in his shoulder. The second bullet to hit the President, however, tore off the right rear portion of his head so destructively as to be 'completely incompatible with life.' A fragment was deflected and passed out the front of the throat, creating an erroneous belief he may have been shot from two angles. These are the findings of the as yet unofficial report of pathologists who performed the autopsy on the President's body the night of November 22." [Wouldn't it be interesting to

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