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1 P_R_O_C_E_E_D_I_N_G_S

2 (Dr. Baxter not present in
3 the deposition room.)

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8 the witnesses hereinbefore named, being first
9 duly cautioned and sworn to testify the truth,
10 the whole truth and nothing but the truth,
11 testified under oath as follows:

12 EXAMINATION

13 BY_MR._GUNN:

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14 MR. GUNN: Would each of you
15 state your names for the record, please, starting
16 with Dr. Jones.

17 DR. JONES: Dr. Ronald Coy

18 Jones.

19 DR. PERRY: Malcolm O. Perry
20 DR. McCLELLAND: Robert M.

21 McClelland.

22 DR. PETERS: Paul C. Peters.

23 MR. GUNN: We've also been

24 advised that Dr. Baxter should be coming today

25 and we have a name tag here for him and we hope

1 that he appears before too long. We'll swear him
2 at that time.

3 I'd like to thank all of you
4 gentlemen for coming today. I know that each of
5 you has testified to the Warren Commission. I
6 have a copy here of the testimony that you gave
7 to the Warren Commission.

8 We, the Assassination Records
9 Review Board, as part of its work mandated by
10 Congress was able to digitize the original
11 autopsy materials by very high-quality
12 digitization process. We hoped that we had been
13 able to -- we would have been able to bring some
14 of those photographs with us today to show you
15 and to get your observations on those.
16 Unfortunately, at the last minute we were not
17 able to make the necessary security arrangements.

18 The Review Board has done a fair
19 amount of work in trying to collect as much as it

20 could in terms of the medical evidence with the
21 focus having been particularly on the autopsy at
22 Bethesda.

23 I wanted to talk with you today.

24 This will not be in a typical deposition style
25 format. I'd like to have somewhat more of a

1 discussion among you. Because there are four of
2 you, and we hope soon to be five of you, it's
3 important that you not talk at the same time so
4 that the reporter is able to get the words down.
5 I'm sure she's very good, but she cannot do two
6 people at the same time, so please try to be
7 alert for that.

8 I want to tell you a little bit
9 in brief about some of the work that we have done
10 to give you a sense of why we thought it might be
11 useful to conduct this discussion today. I have
12 myself deposed all of the autopsy doctors --
13 Doctors Humes, Fink, and Boswell -- and so we
14 have their testimony under oath. And I took
15 their testimony for the first time in the
16 presence of the original autopsy materials at
17 Bethesda, now at the National Archives. I also
18 took the depositions of Dr. -- or Mr. Stringer,
19 who was the autopsy photographer, as well as his

20 assistant, Floyd Riebe.

21 I'd like to just advise you that

22 each of those people confirmed that the

23 photographs were authentic photographs. They

24 were the photographs that were taken with one

25 exception that is worth noting, and that is that

1 there was a question in the mind of Dr. -- or
2 Mr. Stringer about whether the supplemental brain
3 photographs were, in fact, the photographs that
4 he took. The photographs, as they appear, do not
5 conform with his recollection of how he did it or
6 the kind of film that he used or the prints that
7 were used to develop them subsequently, so there
8 was a question raised about that.

9 I took the deposition of
10 Dr. Boswell, as I mentioned, and he made some
11 drawings on a basically life-size human skull,
12 which I have brought here today and would like to
13 make reference to, and so I will be showing you
14 that in a moment.

15 One other thing that I would
16 like to just advise you on briefly is we
17 identified the person who had developed autopsy
18 photographs from President Kennedy. She's a
19 witness who had not previously been identified

20 before. Her name is Sandra Spencer and she
21 worked at the Naval Photographic Center --
22 National Photographic Center in Washington.
23 She, in the course of her work, typically did
24 White House photography. She also said that
25 shortly after the assassination she developed

1 photographs.

2 The photographs that she says
3 that she developed did not correspond with those
4 that were in the National Archives. So according
5 to her testimony, there was some photographs that
6 she herself developed that showed a wound in the
7 occipitoparietal area.

8 The occipitoparietal wound, for
9 those of you who have seen the photos, does not
10 appear to be of any significant size. There's
11 the possibility of an entrance wound there, but
12 the wounds that she identified from the
13 photographs that she developed were different
14 from the ones that appear in the National
15 Archives.

16 Now, as is always the case,
17 memories fade, memories are distorted, and one
18 needs to take all recollections with a grain of
19 salt, particularly after 35 years. So we're very

20 aware of that and we understand that, but I would
21 like to talk to you a little bit about some of
22 the issues partly in light of the information
23 that we've had before.

24 But, again, let me thank you for
25 taking time out of your busy schedules. We

1 appreciate your doing this and I think that we
2 should be able to complete this within a couple
3 of hours.

4 What I'd like to do is hand each
5 of you a packet of materials, which you are free
6 to keep after the deposition. You are free to --
7 you should feel free to look at them, to not look
8 at them, whichever you would most prefer to do.

9 But what I would like to do is make reference to
10 some of the statements that previously were made.

11 Oh, each of -- each of you has a
12 stack with everyone's statements in them. They
13 should all be correct.

14 What I have done is gone through
15 these depositions -- yes?

16 DR. PETERS: Maybe I could ask
17 my secretary to see if she can find where
18 Dr. Baxter is.

19 MR. GUNN: Sure. Sure.

20 (Off the record.)

21 MR. GUNN: Back on the record.

22 I've handed each of you a packet

23 that has the testimony of witnesses before the

24 Warren Commission. These are all Dallas doctors.

25 In addition to those of you who are here today,

1 there's also the testimony of Doctors Clark and
2 Jenkins. I have a copy of the testimony of
3 Dr. Carrico with me, but I don't -- have not
4 distributed a set of that. It just didn't make
5 it through.

6 What I'd like to do is talk with
7 you for a few minutes about the description of
8 the wound as you saw it -- of the head wound as
9 you saw it in Dallas. Obviously, as you know,
10 there has been some discussion about the location
11 of the wound on the head.

12 It is my own understanding in
13 reading the testimony that you have offered that
14 the question about the significance of the wound
15 to the head was not focused on by the Warren
16 Commission. Arlen Specter, who took your
17 depositions, did not particularly focus on it.
18 Each of you made references to the wound on the
19 head, and I found that in the testimony. I'd

20 like to draw your attention to that, and if we
21 can go through those quickly, and then I'd like
22 to get your observations. We'll start with where
23 you were in the hospital -- or in trauma room
24 No. 1 and then talk about these.

25 But if we can start with

1 Dr. Baxter -- this is, for the record, MD 97.

2 On the first page of the packet
3 that I have given to you, handwritten notes, he
4 refers to what appears to me to be temporal and
5 occipital bones -- it's about six or seven ways
6 down. It says, "Temporal and occipital bones
7 were missing and the brain was lying on the
8 table."

9 Further in his testimony to the
10 Warren Commission -- this is on Page 41 -- he
11 says, and I quote, "Literally the right side of
12 his head had been blown off. With this and the
13 observation that the cerebellum was present -- a
14 large quantity of brain was present on the cart,
15 well -- we felt that such an additional heroic
16 attempt was not warranted."

17 He then farther down on Page 41
18 refers to the temporal parietal plate of bone
19 laid outward to the side. Mr. Specter in the

20 page following refers to what he -- what
21 Dr. Baxter had referred to as temporal and
22 occipital as the top of the head. Later on
23 Page 44 there's a reference to "the temporal and
24 parietal bones were missing and the brain was
25 lying on the table with extensive lacerations and

1 contusions."

2 In the second packet of
3 materials that comes from -- which is labeled
4 MD 39, which, again, is the one you don't have
5 from Dr. Carrico, he refers in his handwriting to
6 oozing from cerebral and cerebellar tissue.

7 He then on Page 3 of his Warren
8 Commission testimony states the skull was
9 fragmented and bleeding cerebral and cerebellar
10 tissue.

11 On page 6 he refers to about a
12 five- to seven-centimeter in size more or less
13 circular injury of the right occipitoparietal
14 area.

15 Doctors Carrico and Perry went
16 to Washington, D.C., and testified to the Warren
17 Commission, and from his testimony to the
18 Commission itself he says on Page 361 that there
19 was -- and I'm going to read this the way that it

20 appears in the transcript, and there obviously is
21 an error in the transcript. But he says, "This
22 was a 5 by 71 centimeter defect in the posterior
23 skull, the occipital region. There was an
24 absence of calvarium, or skull, in this
25 area."

1 Dr. Carrico was subsequently
2 interviewed by the House Select Committee.

3 (Dr. Baxter enters the
4 deposition room.)

5 (Off-the-record discussion.)

6 MR. GUNN: I'm happy to report
7 that Dr. Baxter is with us, and if Dr. Baxter --
8 if you wouldn't mind swearing --

9 THE COURT REPORTER: Dr. Baxter,
10 do you solemnly swear to tell the truth, the
11 whole truth, and nothing but the truth so help
12 you God?

13 DR. BAXTER: I do.

14 THE COURT REPORTER: Thank you.

15 MR. GUNN: Dr. Baxter, I've
16 given the other doctors a little bit of
17 background, and during a break I can talk to you
18 about what we have said before and if you have
19 any questions, don't hesitate to ask. This will

20 not be a typical deposition format, but I'd like

21 to have a discussion.

22 At this point I just want to

23 briefly refer to previous statements that had

24 been made by you and the other doctors regarding

25 the wound to President Kennedy's head.

1 Going back to Dr. Carrico --
2 and, again, this one is not present for you -- he
3 said to the House Select Committee on
4 Assassinations that there was a large wound in
5 the right side of the head in the
6 parieto-occipital area. One could see blood and
7 brains, both cerebral and cerebrum fragments in
8 that wound.

9 Let me -- let me read this
10 again. He said both cerebellum and cerebrum
11 fragments in that wound. I stated that
12 incorrectly.

13 Later he said -- this -- still
14 to the House Select Committee on
15 Assassinations -- "The head wound was much larger
16 wound than the neck wound. It was five by seven
17 centimeters, something like that, two-and-a-half
18 by three inches, ragged, had blood and hair all
19 around it, located in the part of the

20 parieto-occipital region, and there was brain

21 tissue showing through."

22 The next testimony comes from

23 Dr. Clark. This is MD 37. And in a summary that

24 was typed up -- this is on Commission Exhibit

25 392 -- again, part of the package that I have

1 given to you -- he refers to there was a wound,
2 one in the lower third of the anterior neck, the
3 other in the occipital region of the skull. And
4 then on the second page Dr. Clark referred to
5 "there was a large wound in the right
6 occipitoparietal region."

7 Then in his testimony to the
8 Warren Commission he refers on Page 20 to a large
9 gaping wound in the right posterior part with
10 cerebral -- excuse me -- cerebral and cerebellar
11 tissue being damaged and exposed.

12 On Page 29 he says that there
13 was a much larger wound in the right occipital
14 region of the President's skull from which
15 consider -- considerable blood loss had occurred,
16 which stained the back of his head, neck, and
17 upper shoulders.

18 Then to Dr. Jenkins he refers --
19 this is from packet MD 96. He refers to a great

20 laceration on the right side of the head,
21 temporal and occipital. He also says the
22 cerebellum had protruded from the wound.

23 In his testimony to the Warren
24 Commission he said that -- on Page 48 he thought
25 that this wound in the head was a wound of exit,

1 although he wasn't sure. He said, quote, "I
2 really think part of the cerebellum, as I
3 recognized it, was herniated from the wound." He
4 then said that, "I thought there was a wound on
5 the left temporal area right in the hairline and
6 right above the zygomatic process."

7 From Page 51 of his Warren
8 Commission testimony he says, "Because the wound
9 with the exploded area of the scalp, as I
10 interpreted it being exploded, I would interpret
11 it being a wound of exit, and the appearance of
12 the wound in the neck, and I also thought it was
13 a wound of exit."

14 Finally in his testimony to the
15 House Select Committee on Assassinations he said,
16 There was one segment of bone blown out. It was
17 a segment of occipital or temporal bone. He
18 noted that a portion of the cerebellum, lower
19 rear brain, was hanging out from the hole in the

20 right rear of the head.

21 Then Dr. Jones in his testimony

22 to the Warren Commission -- this is Packet MD 98.

23 On Page 53 he says there was a small wound at the

24 midline of the neck and a large wound in the

25 right posterior side of the head, a large --

1 later, there was a large defect in the back side
2 of the head.

3 And then in -- again, in
4 testimony to the Warren Commission on Page 56 he
5 said that there appeared to be an exit wound in
6 the posterior portion of the skull. And, again,
7 Mr. Specter referred to that as the top of the
8 President's head.

9 And finally in handwritten
10 comment -- this is on the last page of the packet
11 that I have given to you. It says there was a
12 small -- that just refers to the -- to the neck
13 wound. I won't read that.

14 Then Dr. McClelland in his
15 testimony to the Warren Commission said, "I noted
16 that the right posterior portion of the skull had
17 been extremely blasted. It had been shattered
18 apparently by the force of the shot so that the
19 parietal bone was protruded up through the scalp

20 and seemed to be fractured almost along its right
21 posterior half, as well as some of the occipital
22 bone being fractured in its lateral half. And
23 this sprung open the bones that I had mentioned
24 in such a way that you could actually look down
25 into the skull cavity itself and see that

1 probably a third or so, at least, of the brain
2 tissue, posterior cerebral tissue and some of the
3 cerebellar tissue had been blasted out."

4 That was from Page 33 if I
5 didn't mention that. Then on Page 34 he also
6 mentions loss of cerebral and cerebellar tissue.

7 From Dr. Perry in handwritten
8 notes on Page -- excuse me, from Packet MD 57, he
9 refers to a right posterior cranium -- excuse me,
10 "a large wound of the right posterior cranium was
11 noted, exposing severely lacerated brain."

12 On Page 9 of his testimony to
13 Mr. Specter he refers to the large wound of the
14 right posterior parietal area. And on Page 11 of
15 the same testimony he refers to a large avulsive
16 injury of the right occipitoparietal area. And
17 then on Page 372 -- and this would be testimony
18 to the Warren Commission itself -- unless I'm
19 mistaken -- the Warren Commission itself. "I

20 noted a large avulsive wound of the right
21 parieto-occipital area in which both scalp and
22 portions of the skull were absent, and there was
23 a severe laceration of underlying brain tissue.

24 And finally with Dr. Peters --

25 last but not least, of course. This is from

1 MD 40, testimony to Mr. Specter of the Warren
2 Commission. On Page 71 he says that he noticed
3 there was a large defect in the occiput.
4 Dr. Peters then says, "It seemed to me that in
5 the right occipitoparietal area that there was a
6 large defect. There appeared to be bone loss and
7 brain loss in the area." He goes on to say, "We
8 saw the wound of" -- I'm sorry, that refers just
9 to the throat wound.

10 In my very lay sense -- and I am
11 not a doctor -- there seems to be a fair degree
12 of coherence among the testimony that you offered
13 about the location of the wound. There, of
14 course, is a difference in the way that you said
15 it, as would be expected in any case.

16 I'd like to start out -- and
17 that's the last major part that I hope to play in
18 this discussion. I'd like to start out, if we
19 could -- and maybe just start with Dr. Jones and

20 then just go down the room -- of first where you
21 were in trauma room No. 1 and what kind of view
22 you had of President Kennedy in trauma room
23 No. 1.

24 Dr. Jones.

25 DR. JONES: I was on his left

1 side below the left arm looking to my right;
2 could easily see the neck wound; could not see in
3 much detail the posterior wound, but did not see
4 any flap of skull or anything laying out to the
5 right side; saw relaxation of the facial tissues
6 and perhaps of the hair, and I remained on the
7 President's right side during the entire
8 resuscitation attempt.

9 MR. GUNN: Did you ever go
10 around and observe the left side?

11 DR. JONES: Left side. Excuse,
12 was on the left side.

13 MR. GUNN: Okay.

14 DR. JONES: Was I saying right
15 side?

16 MR. GUNN: So all of your view
17 was of the left side?

18 DR. JONES: All my view was from
19 the President's left side.

20 MR. GUNN: Okay. Did you ever

21 go around and observe the right side of the --

22 DR. JONES: I did not go around

23 to the right side.

24 MR. GUNN: Could you observe any

25 posterior wound on -- of the head from the left

1 side where you were?

2 DR. JONES: At one point after
3 we had completed the insertion of the test tubes,
4 IV, and tracheotomy, I looked up over the top of
5 the President's head and from that view was all
6 that I saw. But with him flat on the table,
7 could not appreciate the size of that wound but
8 did not see a lot of skull or brain tissue on the
9 table, some maybe, but not just a tremendous
10 amount and certainly did not see a flap turned on
11 the right side.

12 MR. GUNN: Were you yourself
13 able to identify any cerebellum or cerebrum
14 tissue on the table?

15 DR. JONES: If there was, I
16 thought -- from my vantage point, I thought that
17 it was a very small amount.

18 MR. GUNN: And were you able to
19 identify one form of brain tissue versus another?

20 DR. JONES: No --

21 MR. GUNN: Okay.

22 DR. JONES: -- but did see the

23 very small wound which I thought was an entrance

24 wound to the head. That was pretty clear.

25 MR. GUNN: Okay. Dr. Perry?

1 DR. PERRY: As I testified, I
2 made only a cursory examination of the head, and
3 the only person that made the really detailed
4 examination, as far as I know, is Dr. Clark. And
5 I didn't -- like Dr. Jones, I didn't look at it.
6 I was in some kind of a hurry.

7 The neck wound -- very few
8 people saw that. I didn't even wipe the blood
9 off on the right side, so I estimated it at five
10 millimeters or so of exuding blood and I cut
11 right through it, as Dr. Jones knows, so nobody
12 else saw it after that. It was small. I didn't
13 look at the head. As I said, I didn't examine
14 it. I could see that he had one. I mentioned
15 the avulsive wound to the head and what appeared
16 to be some brain tissue and that was during the
17 course of the resuscitation, but I didn't examine
18 it.

19 MR. GUNN: Where were you

20 standing and if you moved around --

21 DR. PERRY: Well, I was just to

22 Dr. Jones' right because I was on the left side

23 of the President, but I did the tracheostomy and

24 the cardiac massage.

25 MR. GUNN: Could you describe

1 about how big the tracheostomy wound was that you
2 cut?

3 DR. PERRY: I've been asked this
4 a lot. Of course, some of them said it was too
5 big for a surgeon but my reply to that is it was
6 big enough.

7 There are only two medical
8 emergencies, airway and bleeding. Everything
9 else can wait. This just couldn't wait, and I
10 have no idea how big it was. I made it big
11 enough. At that time we used old metal flange
12 tracheostomy tubes and quite large with a cuff on
13 them. And when I made the incision through the
14 wound, I made it big enough where I could do a
15 tracheostomy without trouble. I also made it big
16 enough that I could look to either side of the
17 trachea. There was blood in the trachea through
18 the end -- when I looked through the
19 pharyngoscope and attempted to put in the

20 tracheal tube with blood inside the trachea.

21 There was hair in the

22 mediastinum, and I didn't know whether I was

23 going to encounter carotid arteries or whatever.

24 But the path of the bullet clearly put those

25 vessels at risk as well as the trachea, so I made

1 the wound big enough to do that.

2 How big it was, I don't know.

3 I'm sure Dr. Humes measured it to see when they

4 got there. When he found out it was a

5 tracheostomy, he measured. But since I made the

6 transverse incision, went right through it, I

7 made it big enough to control an underlying

8 bleeding blood vessel if necessary and big enough

9 to do a trach.

10 How big it was, who knows. Ron

11 might know, but I don't know. Big enough.

12 DR. JONES: I was busy putting

13 in the left chest tube and doing a cut down on

14 the left arm and I was not paying a lot of

15 attention to that.

16 DR. PERRY: We were all --

17 DR. JONES: I thought it was

18 about an average size incision. I didn't see

19 anything abnormally large or abnormal length of

20 the incision.

21 DR. PERRY: It was bigger than I

22 would make for an elective situation. In a

23 patient that's not in extremis where you're doing

24 an elective tracheostomy, you make a nice tiny

25 skin line incision in order to minimize the

1 subsequent scarring. In an emergency situation,
2 you make an incision adequate to accomplish the
3 job, and in this case it was going to take more.

4 After I'd made the incision,
5 Dr. McClelland arrived and his hands came in to
6 help me with the tracheostomy, but I'd made the
7 incision at that time but Bob may recall how big
8 it was because he held the retractors for it. It
9 was big enough for me to control the trachea, and
10 if necessary, to do a little more.

11 THE COURT REPORTER: Dr. Perry,
12 can you speak up just a little bit more?

13 DR. PERRY: Pardon me?

14 THE COURT REPORTER: Can you
15 speak up just a little louder?

16 DR. PERRY: I'm sorry.

17 THE COURT REPORTER: That's
18 okay.

19 DR. PERRY: Did you get that?

20 THE COURT REPORTER: Yes.

21 DR. PERRY: Okay. These things

22 tend to make me a little quieter and more somber.

23 MR. GUNN: Dr. McClelland, where

24 were you standing, first of all?

25 DR. McCLELLAND: I was standing

1 at the head of -- Dr. Perry, as he said, I
2 arrived and I walked by the left side of the cart
3 and walked around to the head and was standing at
4 the right of Dr. Jenkins. And I got an
5 Army/Navy, which is a particular name you apply
6 to a commonly used retractor, and leaned over the
7 President's head to help retract while Dr. Baxter
8 and Dr. Perry were finishing up the tracheostomy.

9 So I was standing where I was
10 looking down intently in the wound and really had
11 nothing to do but that because I -- it didn't
12 take much attention to pull the retractor. And
13 so I could clearly see what the wound looked like
14 over a good period of time.

15 MR. GUNN: Excuse me. When you
16 refer -- when you're referring to the wound, are
17 you referring to what I'll call the head wound --

18 DR. McCLELLAND: Right.

19 MR. GUNN: -- not the throat?

20 DR. McCLELLAND: Right.

21 MR. GUNN: Okay.

22 DR. McCLELLAND: And I think as

23 I said in my testimony that this wound looked

24 pretty much like everybody else has described it

25 here. It was a very large wound and I would

1 agree that it was at least seven or eight
2 centimeters in diameter and was mostly really in
3 the occipital part of the skull.

4 And as I was looking at it, a
5 fairly large portion of the cerebellum fell out
6 of the skull. There was already some brain
7 there, but during the tracheostomy more fell out
8 and that was clearly cerebellum. I mean, there
9 was no doubt about it, and I was that far from it
10 (indicating).

11 MR. GUNN: When you say "that
12 far," you're putting your hands about twelve
13 inches apart?

14 DR. McCLELLAND: Twelve to 18
15 inches.

16 MR. GUNN: About how long were
17 you at the head of the table?

18 DR. McCLELLAND: Oh, till they
19 finished up the tracheostomy. I don't know

20 exactly how long that would be, but I guess, you
21 know, it had to be an absolute minimum of five
22 minutes and probably somewhere between five and
23 ten, but that's just a rough guess. But it was
24 certainly more than just a, you know, transient
25 view of it. It was a concentrated view.

1 MR. GUNN: Okay. Dr. Peters,
2 where were you standing?

3 DR. PETERS: Well, I got there
4 about, from what I've been able to determine,
5 about 40 seconds later, and Dr. Perry was already
6 there and taking charge and giving the
7 directions. And he was over the President's
8 chest on the President's left side. Dr. Baxter
9 was up in the right side in the axillary area and
10 so I stepped in about the level of the belly
11 button on the right side.

12 Mack said -- helped Charlie sort
13 out one of these trach tubes, which I did then
14 and gave Charlie the one that looked like it was
15 an appropriate size, and he and Malcolm put it
16 in. And we continued the resuscitative efforts.
17 A lot of things were going on simultaneously.
18 Jim had tubed the President, and then when he
19 tried to bag him, there was a big air leak, and

20 so they decided they would put the tracheostomy
21 tube in through the wound in the neck and that
22 sort of caused Malcolm to enlarge that.

23 And they -- we got the right
24 sized tube, slid it into place, and Malcolm
25 continued external compression. I guess Ron in

1 the meantime had done a cutdown and was giving
2 blood to the President. And Max said, I wonder
3 if we should open the chest and squeeze the heart
4 and somebody else was standing there and said no,
5 no, don't do that. Hopkins two weeks ago
6 reported this study where you just ended up
7 putting your fingers through the ventricle after
8 a short period of time and you could get
9 effective enough resuscitation through the closed
10 chest. And then Dr. Jenkins said, boys, before
11 you think about opening the chest, you'd better
12 step up here and look at this brain.

13 And so at that point I did step
14 around Dr. Baxter and looked in the President's
15 head, and I reported to the Warren Commission
16 that there was about a seven-centimeter hole in
17 the occipitoparietal area that there was
18 obviously quite a bit of brain missing. Some
19 brain was hanging down in the wound, and I

20 thought the cerebellum had been injured as well
21 as the cerebral cortex. That's what I said at
22 the time.

23 Now, could I bring up some
24 controversies that --

25 MR. GUNN: Sure.

1 DR. PETERS: -- have happened
2 since that time or shall we go on to maybe see
3 what Dr. Baxter says?

4 MR. GUNN: Let -- please, I
5 would like to come back to that so if I forget,
6 please remind me because I would like to deal
7 with as much as we can today.

8 DR. PETERS: And then I said,
9 well, looks like we have to declare the President
10 dead and where's Mrs. Kennedy. And she was
11 standing right beside me as close as Bob, and so
12 I give that as evidence that we were pretty
13 clearly focused.

14 As Malcolm said, we were pretty
15 busy. We were concentrating on what we were
16 doing. I think the President received excellent
17 resuscitative efforts by current standards, let
18 alone the standards of 1963. And I think that
19 was the right choice to give it the maximum

20 effort even though he appeared extremis.

21 MR. GUNN: Dr. Baxter, where

22 were you standing, first?

23 DR. BAXTER: Well, everything

24 happened awfully fast, as you can imagine. You

25 know, I forget exactly when I got there, what I

1 did other than go straight to the airway with
2 Dr. Carrico. And -- well, we did a few things,
3 get Mrs. Kennedy out of the room, asked the nurse
4 to take her out, looked at what the vital signs
5 were, what was going IV, what catheter was in his
6 urinary bladder, tube down his throat.
7 Everything had been done including the --
8 Dr. Carrico had already given him corticosteroids
9 because of his history of being an Addisonian.

10 As is already been mentioned, airway
11 was a problem. Dr. Carrico said, I just can't
12 ventilate him, and Mack and I started working on
13 what -- you know, what the problem was, the
14 airway. None us at that time, I don't think,
15 were in any position to view the head injury.
16 And, in fact, I never saw anything above the
17 scalp line, forehead line that I could comment
18 on.

19 The other thing that was

20 outstanding about it is he had huge hemorrhages
21 around his eyes, black eyes, if you will, from
22 the force of the injury, and he had exophthalmos.
23 His eyes were bulging and blood had gone into the
24 periorbital tissue. And we immediately were
25 working on why we couldn't ventilate him, and Ron

20 tissues didn't look like to me -- or I don't
21 recall them looking like anything had much gone
22 through there.

23 And we got the trach in as has
24 been described, and about that time his pulse
25 began to rapidly go down and the, quote, cardiac

1 arrest -- the stoppage of the heart occurred very
2 shortly after that.

3 And I think I was probably
4 negligent in not looking at the whole situation,
5 including the head injury, but struck with the --
6 what it all meant. I think all of us just kind
7 of backed off, and I never examined him any
8 further than that; went out and got Mrs. Kennedy
9 and brought her in and had to tell her that her
10 husband was dead and that we agreed not to
11 pronounce him until the priest arrived and gave
12 him last rites as is Catholic procedure, I
13 understand. And that's all I really saw and did
14 in the whole thing.

15 MR. GUNN: I would like all of
16 you to feel free to please make comments about
17 other observations to the extent that you
18 disagree with them. That would be helpful to put
19 in the record. As is always the case on

20 something like this, people are going to see it
21 differently and remember it differently, and I
22 don't see that as being anything unusual. So
23 please don't hesitate to do it. I know my wife
24 and I frequently have very different perceptions
25 of the same --

1 DR. JONES: Comment on one
2 thing. I don't recall that we had any vital
3 signs -- measurable vital signs. I don't recall
4 that we had any pulse, and when an EKG --
5 portable EKG machine was brought in from another
6 room, it was a straight line. I'm not aware that
7 we ever had evidence of pulse or life other than
8 what Dr. Carrico had said that he thought there
9 were agonal respirations before Dr. Perry and I
10 walked in, so I don't think we had any direct
11 evidence of life.

12 DR. PERRY: That's correct. I
13 pushed the Ace bandage which was wrapped around
14 his waist and leg and pushed it up and he had no
15 femoral pulse when I arrived. He had agonal
16 respiration but no detectable pulse.

17 As Dr. Jones said, when we got
18 him hooked up to a monitor, straight line, that's
19 when I started closed-chest massage.

20 MR. GUNN: Does -- did the
21 bubbling around the throat suggest life in and of
22 itself or is that not --

23 DR. PERRY: It -- as I said, the
24 wound was exuding blood slowly, but Dr. Baxter
25 mentioned about ineffective attempts to bag him

1 because of the position of the wound in the
2 trachea. And when I opened the neck, there was
3 an injury to the trachea on the right lateral
4 side. There was air and blood in that area of
5 the mediastinum. That's when I asked that a
6 chest tube be put in place because I didn't know
7 how many times he'd been shot or from what
8 direction. And, of course, the assumption was
9 that he might have a chest wound as well when I
10 saw the hair around the trachea -- the injury to
11 the trachea, which I subsequently enlarged for
12 the tracheostomy tube.

13 But I asked the chest tubes be
14 put in because once you start pressure-assisted
15 respiration, if he had a chest tube he might have
16 tension pneumothorax. And not knowing the extent
17 of his head injury with any certainty, as
18 Dr. Jones said, we didn't look at that. We were
19 trying to get an airway.

20 And so as it turned out, the
21 chest tubes were not necessary. There was no
22 injury to the chest cavity, but I didn't know
23 that at the time. Not knowing how many shots
24 there were and what was going on, as Dr. Baxter
25 said, put the full-court press on; otherwise, we

1 might lose him.

2 THE COURT REPORTER: Put the
3 full what, Doctor?

4 DR. PERRY: You start -- huh?

5 THE COURT REPORTER: Put the
6 full what?

7 DR. PERRY: I'm sorry,
8 basketball term, full-court press.

9 But when you -- when you start
10 pressure-assisted respiration, if there's an
11 injury to the lung, you're liable to induce the
12 tension pneumothorax, which causes a catastrophic
13 cardiopulmonary collapse, so that's the reason I
14 asked for chest tubes to be put in.

15 Dr. Jones inserted one on the
16 left and I guess Paul on the right side. It
17 turned out those were unnecessary, but that was
18 my request at that time. And the reason they
19 were put in was because I asked for them.

20 MR. GUNN: Perhaps one thing I
21 should state here is a few times Dr. McClelland
22 has been referred to as "Mack." Is that correct?

23 DR. PERRY: Yes.

24 MR. GUNN: Just for the
25 historical record, if somebody later wants to

1 know if there's some --

2 DR. PERRY: Two of us.

3 DR. PETERS: That's right. Mack

4 Perry and Bob McClelland.

5 MR. GUNN: So are you both Mack?

6 DR. PERRY: Well, nicknames,

7 yes.

8 MR. GUNN: Okay. Dr. Peters?

9 DR. PETERS: (To Dr. McClelland)

10 Well, you're next. Did you want to say

11 something?

12 DR. McCLELLAND: No.

13 DR. PETERS: Only thing I want

14 to say is I remember very well when Mack said --

15 MR. GUNN: And which Mack is

16 this?

17 DR. PETERS: Mack Perry.

18 MR. GUNN: Okay.

19 DR. PETERS: Dr. Perry said, I

20 think there may be some air in the chest. Let's
21 put in chest tubes, and I remember cutting
22 President Kennedy's chest on the right side and
23 noticing that the blood was -- there was no pulse
24 flow from the wound. And I agree with what
25 Dr. Perry said and Dr. Jones, that the EKG was a

20 DR. McCLELLAND: -- he did that.

21 DR. PERRY: In the absence of a

22 pulse and the absence of detectable pressures and

23 everything, had he not had that, I would not have

24 done the trach.

25 MR. GUNN: Dr. Peters, there was

1 something that you had said that you had wanted
2 to talk about.

3 DR. PETERS: Well, it was
4 concerning the injury to the cerebellum. I
5 thought that at that time when I looked in his
6 skull after Dr. Jenkins said, Boys, you better
7 come up here and take a look at this brain before
8 you do anything as heroic as opening the chest
9 and massaging the heart directly, and I thought
10 the cerebellum was injured and, of course, it was
11 obvious there was quite a bit of the cerebral
12 cortex missing. And I looked at it for a moment,
13 and so when I was interviewed a few days later by
14 Mr. Specter, I said I thought the cerebellum was
15 injured.

16 Dr. John Lattimer is a good
17 friend of mine from Columbia University in
18 New York. He's a historian and has written a
19 text on the Kennedy and Lincoln assassinations,

20 comparing them.

21 J. Edgar Hoover was a good

22 friend of his and let him look at the

23 assassination pictures. That was going to be

24 about 25 years before I was going to get to look

25 at them, and he told me he thought the tentorium

1 was intact over the cerebellum, and that
2 concerned me a little bit.

3 Well, when I went to view the
4 National Archives autopsy pictures, I saw that
5 the cerebellum was indeed injured and shoved way
6 down on that right side compared to its mate on
7 the left on the pictures of the brain that they
8 showed me at the National Archives. And it was
9 compatible with being President Kennedy's brain
10 based on the lacerations in it that I saw in the
11 photo.

12 But the cerebellum was pushed
13 down quite a bit, and I felt pretty good about
14 that then that my original observation was that
15 the cerebellum had been injured. Dr. Lattimer
16 didn't think that it had, but it would certainly
17 be feasible to think that it was with the
18 tremendous pressure that must have existed for a
19 moment in that side of the head when that bullet

20 struck its occipitoparietal area.

21 And so I asked if I could see

22 the brain at the National Archives and not just

23 the photos and they said the brain has been made

24 unavailable by Mr. Robert Kennedy, who was

25 Attorney General at the time, and so I never did

1 really get to see the actual brain itself. All I
2 had was the pictures.

3 But I -- it was interesting to
4 me this morning hearing these men recount their
5 remembrances of the actual care at that time
6 noting that the cerebellum did appear to be
7 injured, so that remains a little controversy in
8 my mind.

9 MR. GUNN: If I can ask you one
10 side question regarding Dr. Lattimer, did he say
11 to you that he had seen autopsy photos that
12 J. Edgar Hoover had in his possession?

13 DR. PETERS: That's what he led
14 me to believe if off the record I could say a
15 word about that.

16 MR. GUNN: Go ahead.

17 DR. PETERS: Dr. Lattimer took
18 care of J. Edgar Hoover, and so he was a
19 historian and quite interested in things, so he

20 went to Mr. Hoover and asked him if he could see
21 the photos. And Mr. Hoover, who didn't like
22 Bobby Kennedy very well, said, Oh, John, those
23 won't be available for 10 or 15 years when
24 they're released. And he said, Well, that's what
25 Bobby said you would say. Oh, did Bobby say

1 that? Come over Monday morning and I'll let you
2 look at them.

3 And so that's what he did. He
4 looked at them and he's the one who told me he
5 wasn't sure the cerebellum had been injured as I
6 had testified that I thought it was. And having
7 viewed the pictures at the National Archives, I
8 still feel it was. It was certainly displaced,
9 if not lacerated.

10 DR. McCLELLAND: Well, I know it
11 was. I don't often say that but I didn't just
12 glance at it. I looked at it for several
13 minutes, and it was clearly cerebellum. There's
14 no question about it, and I could look down into
15 the skull. In fact, I made that point there.

16 DR. PETERS: Right.

17 DR. McCLELLAND: There was
18 nothing in the -- in the area where the
19 cerebellum usually sits.

20 And as I said, most of it was
21 probably gone when I first began to look down
22 into the wound, and then as I stood there,
23 probably just maybe a minute after I came in,
24 another large portion of it, which I thought -- I
25 remember thinking now, well, that's the rest of

1 the cerebellum oozed out into the table. So it's
2 not, well, I kind of think it was. It was.

3 MR. GUNN: I'd like to hand out
4 a document to each of you that first appeared in
5 a book by Josiah Thompson, which I assume that
6 y'all are familiar with. We can mark this as
7 Exhibit Number 264.

8 (Exhibit Number MD 264 marked.)

9 DR. PETERS: I think when
10 Mr. Posner is looking at it, it was the 707, so
11 I'm not sure I've seen Mr. Thompson's.

12 DR. McCLELLAND: And you got a
13 copy of it?

14 DR. PETERS: No. You can be the
15 spokesman.

16 DR. PERRY: Who is Josiah
17 Thompson?

18 DR. McCLELLAND: He's a private
19 investigator now, but he was a professor of

20 history at this time --

21 MR. GUNN: Professor of

22 philosophy at --

23 DR. McCLELLAND: -- somewhere in

24 Pennsylvania.

25 MR. GUNN: -- Temple or

1 Villanova. I'm forgetting which.

2 There's a picture on Page 107 of
3 Exhibit 264. I'd like to ask those of you who
4 saw the head wound if this corresponds to what
5 you observed or if any of you has -- based upon
6 your own observations, it seems inaccurate in any
7 way. Obviously, it's a drawing and so there will
8 be a problem with it, but just your observations
9 on it for those of you who observed the head
10 wound.

11 Does this look like what you saw
12 in Parkland Memorial Hospital?

13 DR. McCLELLAND: I told him when
14 he was asking me to describe that picture from
15 which you reviewed this that the first thing I
16 saw when I came in the room in addition to that
17 attempted agonal respiration was the edge of the
18 parietal bone was sticking up through the scalp.
19 And that's not on this picture, but what we were

20 trying to depict here was what the posterior part
21 of the wound looked like. In other words, this
22 is not the entire wound. It's simply the
23 posterior part of it and what I thought of as the
24 critical part of it at that time and still do.

25 MR. GUNN: Does any of you have

1 any --

2 DR. PETERS: I think that pretty
3 much corresponds to what I said,
4 occipitoparietal. It looks a little further down
5 on the occiput in this picture, I think, but it
6 was pretty far posteriorly because you had to be
7 able to see the cerebellum --

8 DR. McCLELLAND: Yeah.

9 DR. PETERS: -- and --

10 DR. McCLELLAND: Yeah, I agree,
11 Paul. I think that this is a little bit lower or
12 it doesn't indicate that there was still a -- you
13 know, maybe a shelf of bone left below that --

14 DR. PETERS: Yeah.

15 DR. McCLELLAND: -- but not much
16 of one, and that did allow me to look down into
17 the -- see the inside of the skull --

18 DR. PETERS: Right. I agree
19 with you.

20 DR. McCLELLAND: -- just like --

21 you know, just like it would be if you took a

22 skull like you may have as you see here and there

23 was nothing in it. I mean, not down in that

24 part. There was no tentorium.

25 DR. PETERS: The X rays of

1 President Kennedy's skull, which we were
2 privileged to see later, showed dramatically how
3 large the fragmentation of the skull was and was
4 easily compatible with what Bob saw originally.
5 There was a big hunk of bone sticking up there in
6 the parietal area.

7 And along with what Dr. Baxter
8 said describing the effects of fracture of the
9 cribriform plate of the skull, Abraham Lincoln
10 who was shot on one side with a fairly large
11 caliber bullet had black eyes on both sides and
12 fractures of the cribriform plate on both sides.
13 Both sides had hemorrhage around the orbits with
14 a much less velocity wound than President Kennedy
15 suffered.

16 DR. JONES: I might comment on
17 the -- on the eyes. The eyes were open, but I
18 didn't remember hemorrhage around the eyes. I
19 remember the eyes were open. It was just a

20 straight stare. I didn't remember all the black

21 discoloration --

22 DR. PETERS: No.

23 DR. JONES: -- around the eyes.

24 DR. PETERS: I didn't either.

25 DR. JONES: This drawing, I

1 could not look over and around so I couldn't
2 speak exactly to this, but it seems to me from
3 this drawing that, Bob, you must have been
4 looking down tangentially at it because with this
5 below the ear and if you're flat, that's going to
6 be on the table.

7 DR. McCLELLAND: Well, that's
8 what I'm saying. This is a little bit farther
9 back, but I was looking straight into it, not
10 tangentially but right into it.

11 I would also comment about one
12 other thing. When we went to the National
13 Archives ten years ago to look at these pictures,
14 they were videotaping that for the Nova program,
15 and we each one went in and looked separately at
16 the photographs. And I can't remember the exact
17 sequence, but when we came back out of the room
18 where we'd been, each one of us made a comment
19 about what we had seen and said, yes, that seemed

20 to agree with things and I said -- I volunteered
21 that, well, one of the wounds had caused some
22 comment in different things I had read and heard
23 on, you know, television a time or two; and that
24 they had noted in one of the pictures that there
25 was hair covering all of this area where you see

1 this large hole.

2 MR. GUNN: When you say -- I'm
3 sorry. If I can interrupt for a second, when you
4 say the large hole, you're referring to --

5 DR. McCLELLAND: This --

6 MR. GUNN: -- something like the
7 picture --

8 DR. McCLELLAND: This one
9 here --

10 MR. GUNN: -- on Exhibit 264.

11 DR. McCLELLAND: There was no
12 hole on that picture that looked like that. And
13 I said, Well, I think I know why that is. I
14 think it may be because if you'll notice there
15 are some fingers at the top of the photograph
16 apparently pulling a flap of scalp forward, and I
17 think the flap was being pulled over that opening
18 when they took the pictures.

19 Several years later I was told

20 by one of the people who took some of the
21 photographs that that was not the case; that that
22 hand in the picture was not pulling any flap of
23 scalp up over the skull.

24 MR. GUNN: Do you remember who
25 it was who told you that?

1 DR. McCLELLAND: It was one of
2 the men who was taking the photographs. I met
3 him here in Dallas when this fellow who's written
4 these kind of, I think, crazy books, David
5 Livingston, The_High_Treason and The_High_Treason

6 II, he had a --
—

7 MR. GUNN: It's Harry
8 Livingston.

9 DR. McCLELLAND: Harry
10 Livingston, yeah. He had a -- David Livingston
11 was the guy in Africa, yeah.

12 DR. PETERS: I presume.

13 DR. McCLELLAND: Anyway, he had
14 a group of us here and videotaped us at one of
15 the hotels here. We spent all Saturday morning
16 down there so I met this photographer. And at
17 that time -- I can't remember his name now.

18 MR. GUNN: Would that be

19 Stringer or Riebe?

20 DR. McCLELLAND: It's one or the

21 other, uh-huh, and he said that that was not what

22 was being done. I had always assumed it was

23 because I knew what the -- that the hole was

24 there.

25 DR. PETERS: Right.

1 DR. McCLELLAND: So it wasn't
2 a -- well, maybe I'm wrong. I mean, not unless
3 I've taken a leave of my senses entirely. There
4 was a hole there and so my explanation of what
5 was happening is here's this hand up in the wound
6 and they sort of pulled it up for some reason. I
7 don't know why, but that was sort of an
8 interesting sequence of events separated by
9 several years.

10 MR. GUNN: Dr. Peters, you've
11 been nodding your head.

12 DR. PETERS: Well, I would
13 certainly agree with what Bob said. It was my
14 thought exactly that they just kind of pulled
15 that flap back into place and took a picture so
16 they could show how it looked with things
17 restored as much as possible and it just -- a
18 flap just kind of -- had been torn back and now
19 they were just kind of putting it back and

20 snapping a picture. For what reason, I don't

21 know.

22 But I'm certain there was a hole

23 there, too. I walked around right and looked in

24 his head. You could look directly into the

25 cranial vault and see cerebral injury to the

1 cerebral cortex and I thought at the time to the
2 cerebellum. So I know the hole was big enough to
3 look into. I estimated it at seven centimeters
4 at that time, and I don't know what the actual
5 measurements were when they took the radiographs,
6 but I thought just exactly what Bob did. They
7 were probably making a series of pictures and
8 they had just pulled that flap back up there to
9 cover it up and took a picture of that to show
10 the head with the flap restored, so to speak, for
11 whatever reason. I'm sure there were many other
12 pictures that were made at the same time.

13 MR. GUNN: Could we talk about
14 the neck wound for a minute?

15 DR. JONES: You want to take a
16 break before we get started?

17 MR. GUNN: Sure. That's fine.

18 (Recess taken.)

19 MR. GUNN: Talk briefly about

20 the neck wound, if we could.

21 Dr. Perry, do you think that you

22 were the one who probably had the best view of

23 the neck wound?

24 DR. PERRY: I'm the one that

25 stuck my foot in my mouth, but actually it looked

1 like an entrance wound and the bullet appeared to
2 be coming at him and I based that mainly on the
3 fact it was a small wound to the neck and without
4 any other information.

5 I prefaced those comments at the
6 press conference both before and after by saying
7 that neither Dr. Clark nor I knew how many
8 bullets there were or where they came from.
9 Unfortunately, my comment said it's an entrance
10 wound, and that was taken out of context of the
11 others, but I did say that small wound.

12 As I mentioned earlier, however,
13 I didn't take any measurements. I didn't wipe
14 the blood off. I just went through it and it was
15 the thing to do at the time; had no concept about
16 legal things. We did what we were trained to do.

17 MR. GUNN: For my purposes
18 today, the question is not with any of these
19 whether you conclude that they were an entrance

20 wound or an exit wound. Those are all --

21 DR. PERRY: Small like that.

22 MR. GUNN: So those are --

23 DR. PERRY: And I estimated, as

24 I recall, about five millimeters like a pencil

25 eraser I think I used as an example, something

1 like that and, again, pointing out that it was
2 covered with some blood and I looked at it and it
3 would be about five millimeters and then I cut
4 it.

5 MR. GUNN: Does any of you have
6 a recollection that differs from that basically
7 small, not jagged edges, five centimeter --
8 millimeters in size?

9 DR. BAXTER: No.

10 DR. PETERS: I think you've
11 heard the best comment.

12 DR. BAXTER: I think you could
13 sum up all of our comments on that wound that it
14 would -- it appeared to be an insignificant wound
15 and --

16 DR. PERRY: Except for where it
17 was.

18 DR. BAXTER: Yeah.

19 DR. PERRY: There's a lot of

20 material in there.

21 DR. JONES: When Dr. Perry and I

22 went back upstairs into the OR after this had

23 happened, I think we both -- we were both talking

24 in terms that this was an entrance wound, my

25 impression when I saw it in the emergency room.

1 It never crossed my mind it was anything but an
2 entrance wound. Without having any history to go
3 by, I thought it was an entrance wound.

4 DR. PERRY: Had we known, things
5 would have been different; incomplete
6 information. You learn a great deal, and I
7 learned a great deal in two days. One is never
8 allow yourself to be thrown into speculation with
9 the press, bad mistake. At 34 and naive, I
10 thought the truth would suffice. That is not the
11 case.

12 Secondly, do not speculate about
13 anything public ever. I learned that after
14 operating on Oswald on Sunday when I went down to
15 repeat the press conference again, I went with a
16 typed statement. I answered no questions, and I
17 didn't get into a bit of trouble. I learned a
18 great deal in two days.

19 DR. PETERS: Great advice. Put

20 that in for the future guys to read.

21 One thing could I say about

22 that?

23 MR. GUNN: Sure.

24 DR. PETERS: I think most of us

25 thought at first that day in the first few

1 minutes that, boy, it might have gone in through
2 the neck and out the back of the head, which
3 would have been a big exit wound and a small
4 entrance wound.

5 And I was talking to one of the
6 State policemen that day from the Texas
7 Department of Law Enforcement, and he said, you
8 know, Doctor, he said, I could make a hollow
9 point bullet. If I shoot at a crow in a tree and
10 I hit him, all you'll see fall is a beak and two
11 legs.

12 He said, If I miss him, if I hit
13 a leaf in front of him, I'll miss him. You can,
14 you know, hone it down and make it that
15 sensitive, but it seemed at that time without
16 knowing about the hole back here that had gone
17 through, it seemed it could have gone in there
18 and hit the cervical spine, gone out through the
19 occiput. Seemed very logical.

20 DR. PERRY: One has to be
21 careful about extrapolating the behavior of
22 full-jacketed and military bullets with hunting
23 bullets. Although I don't hunt anymore because I
24 don't want to kill anything -- I haven't killed
25 anything in 25 years -- I still like to shoot and

20 that expand and all their energy is inflicted on
21 the target, the way hunting bullets are.
22 Unfortunately, we're seeing it in wartime now and
23 despite the Geneva Convention which were deformed
24 into every turn, but the full-jacketed and
25 military bullets would not be deformed.

1 And unless they keyhole or turn,
2 entrance and exit wounds would be essentially the
3 same if the bullet has -- in the vernacular, has
4 gone to sleep; that it is rotating. And if it's
5 a stable bullet that's rotating, they look the
6 same. Anyone who's hunted big game knows that,
7 of course, or who has been in wartime situation.
8 If you don't have that information, it's easy to
9 be confused about what they do.

10 As Dr. Peters also pointed out,
11 all of us at this table have learned that the
12 vagaries of trajectories cannot be predicted.
13 We've seen all kinds of strange trajectories.
14 When the bullet is near the end of its life,
15 we've had -- go into the peritoneal cavity and
16 drop into the pelvis without injury to anything;
17 get shot in the buttocks and the bullet came up
18 behind the ankle; shot in the forehead and it
19 ends up in the neck as it traverses the skull.

20 We've seen all kinds of strange things, so
21 there's no way to predict the trajectory of the
22 given bullet.

23 MR. GUNN: In the first --

24 DR. PERRY: That may be more
25 than you wanted to know, by the way.

1 MR. GUNN: In the first two or
2 three days after the assassination, did you meet
3 together at all and talk about it and try and put
4 the pieces together of what you had observed and
5 what you were hearing from the press?

6 DR. JONES: I don't think as a
7 group that I remember everyone sitting down
8 putting all this together. I don't remember us
9 all sitting down like today, which is one of the
10 nice things to be able to come together today,
11 because I don't remember that we ever sat down as
12 a group of five and discussed this.

13 Individually, something this
14 dramatic, you're going to intermittently exchange
15 comments with one another, but I don't think we
16 tried to sit down and put it together.

17 DR. McCLELLAND: Talked about it
18 a lot informally because at that time all of our
19 offices were in very close connection with one

20 another, so we just kind of while going to the
21 rest room or going down to get a cup of coffee,
22 you sort of informally talked here, there, and
23 yonder, but we didn't say let's have a meeting
24 and review.

25 MR. GUNN: With the exception of

1 Dr. Perry -- and I'll come back to him in just a
2 moment -- did any of you talk with any of the
3 autopsy doctors in Bethesda in the first week or
4 so after the assassination?

5 DR. JONES: No, I didn't.

6 MR. GUNN: You're all shaking
7 your head. If you can --

8 DR. McCLELLAND: Dr. Perry and I
9 officed together. I remember him getting the
10 call and listening to him talk to him.

11 MR. GUNN: Dr. Perry, there was
12 obviously a controversy at the time of your
13 deposition by doc -- or by Mr. Specter regarding
14 whether you had received the call in the evening
15 of the 22nd or the following morning.

16 I know that memory does not
17 improve with age, but I'm just wondering if you
18 have had any subsequent thoughts that help you
19 place that telephone call better?

20 DR. PERRY: I thought we settled
21 that. We talked to Dr. Humes. There was a lot
22 of stuff going on, but I thought he said he'd
23 call me the next morning now that I recall.

24 DR. McCLELLAND: Yeah, that's
25 what it was. No question.

1 DR. PERRY: And I may have
2 said -- there was a lot of stuff happening on
3 Friday, of course, but as I recall, he called me
4 the next morning and, of course, he did not know
5 about the trach that I'd done, and he did not
6 know about the anterior wound in the neck since I
7 disfigured it somewhat with the incision. And
8 when he inquired about that, things really fell
9 into place then because he had a wound in the
10 posterior to account for that one. So things
11 kind of came together.

12 MR. GUNN: Dr. McClelland, you
13 said there was no doubt about the timing of that
14 and that's because you were in the office
15 yourself?

16 DR. McCLELLAND: I was as far as
17 I am from you.

18 MR. GUNN: So ten feet or so?

19 DR. McCLELLAND: Yeah.

20 DR. PERRY: It was Saturday

21 morning sometime, but I don't know what time.

22 DR. McCLELLAND: Uh-huh, middle

23 of the morning sometime.

24 DR. PERRY: Huh?

25 DR. McCLELLAND: Middle of the

1 morning sometime.

2 DR. PERRY: There was a
3 scheduled conference -- press conference on
4 Saturday morning and I'd asked Dr. Shires to
5 accompany me to it. And I'd asked Dr. Clark to
6 accompany me to those press conferences for the
7 same reason. And this was conducted in
8 Mr. Price's office and had to do -- I think --

9 THE COURT REPORTER: Can you
10 speak up, Doctor?

11 DR. PERRY: I'm sorry. It was
12 conducted in Mr. Price's office, who was
13 administrator there at Parkland and there Jimmy
14 Breslin and Richard Valeriani and a group of
15 media were there and they wanted to talk about
16 it, and that was Saturday morning sometime.

17 And I asked Dr. Shires to
18 accompany me there; that I was not willing to go
19 to the press conference unassisted as it was

20 without senior counsel, if you will, having had a
21 really bad experience the day before. And so --
22 but I don't know what relation that was to the
23 phone call before or after -- this must have been
24 after because I think it terminated about noon.
25 I don't recall exactly.

1 DR. JONES: You had --

2 DR. McCLELLAND: Well, it
3 wasn't --

4 DR. JONES: You had talked to
5 me. We were making rounds, as I recall. There
6 was three or four of us and we were going through
7 the hall into the back side of the cafeteria
8 Saturday morning, as I recall, and you had
9 mentioned at that point that you had received a
10 call.

11 DR. PERRY: So it was early?

12 DR. JONES: It must have been
13 before the -- your conference.

14 DR. PERRY: Yeah, I think so.

15 DR. JONES: -- because I know
16 it --

17 DR. PERRY: That sounds about
18 right.

19 DR. JONES: Earlier in the

20 morning I was --

21 DR. PERRY: You know, as you

22 might expect, Mr. Gunn, those of us who are

23 involved in our end of the business don't keep

24 those kind of logs. You recognize the importance

25 of exact time and date with respect to things --

1 in the legal profession you do, but we don't
2 think that way.

3 MR. GUNN: I can tell you part
4 of the significance of this, and this has emerged
5 in the -- in the depositions itself -- in the
6 deposition of Dr. Humes he acknowledged that he
7 wrote a draft of the autopsy report which he then
8 burned. He also burned his notes from the
9 autopsy, which was not exactly what he had told
10 to the Warren Commission. And one could put
11 together that the original draft does not have
12 any reference to the bullet wound in the neck and
13 the subsequent draft does have that in it, but
14 that can be a reason the timing was important.

15 DR. PERRY: Those of us who do
16 medical writing or writing of any kind, we
17 generally would be reluctant to let anybody see
18 our first draft. It often is for content and we
19 come back for organization and syntax later but,

20 you know, you often throw those things away

21 because they're kind of kaleidoscopic, if you

22 will --

23 MR. GUNN: Uh-huh.

24 DR. PERRY: -- and you wouldn't

25 keep them. You don't recognize they have any

1 value till you -- because they contain all kinds
2 of random thoughts.

3 MR. GUNN: Now, one of the very
4 obvious issues that surrounds the story of what
5 you observed in your initial impressions was that
6 there were suggestions both in the press
7 conference and the observations that President
8 Kennedy had been shot from the front. It
9 subsequently turned out that many people came to
10 believe that President Kennedy was shot from
11 behind, and I'm sure you-all have your opinions
12 on that in the sense that's not the purpose of
13 what we're doing here. But there became a
14 concern about what your observations were versus
15 what certainly the Government ended up concluding
16 later.

17 The question I have for all of
18 you is: Did anyone from the government ever put
19 any pressure on you or try to convince you

20 against your will to either change your story or
21 make a different sort of observation or to turn
22 your observations at all?

23 DR. JONES: I'll comment first.

24 MR. GUNN: Dr. Jones?

25 DR. JONES: If you read my

1 testimony that was taken in Dallas by Arlen
2 Specter, who was one of the counselors, you will
3 see that I alluded to an entrance wound several
4 times and he questioned me about my expertise in
5 missiles. And I may as well just go ahead and
6 say -- bring two or three things together at
7 once.

8 When my -- during my testimony,
9 I think you can see down here that it says,
10 Dr. Jones -- Mr. Specter had said, "Would it be
11 consistent, then, with an exit wound but of low
12 velocity, as you put it? And I said, "Yes, of
13 very low velocity to the point that you might
14 think that this bullet barely made it through the
15 soft tissues and just enough to drop out of the
16 skin in the opposite side." In other words, if
17 this thing was coming out instead of in, there
18 sure wasn't much blast effect as Dr. Baxter
19 alluded to. And so I mentioned that it just

20 maybe had dropped out.

21 Well, as you probably know,
22 about two weeks ago in The Dallas Morning News
23 there was an article concerning the Assassination
24 Records Review Committee and that they had found
25 a missile -- a bullet in the seat of a limousine,

20 construe that as pressure or not, but certainly I
21 was surprised that he said don't say about --
22 anything about that to anyone.

23 A young resident 31 years old,
24 you're not going to say about that episode to
25 anybody because at that time I think we were

1 all -- the whole country was -- I mean, you
2 didn't joke about anything, and there were jokes
3 going around about what happened at the time of
4 the assassination. But we were very serious
5 about that. I thought that was a little unusual.

6 MR. GUNN: Did anyone else have
7 an experience of that sort with Mr. Specter or
8 with --

9 DR. PETERS: I'd like to ask a
10 question about that. Now, as we've constructed
11 it many times over the years, the first bullet
12 that was fired was supposed to have missed. The
13 second bullet went through the President and
14 Governor Connally, and the third bullet hit
15 President Kennedy in the skull. That's the way I
16 think it's been explained to us over the years.

17 Now, like Ron, I had never heard
18 about this other bullet. There's been a lot
19 written about the so-called pristine bullet and

20 the -- Dr. Lattimer and the FBI fired bullets
21 into 15 feet of pine board showing there was
22 almost no deformity. And if you laid the
23 pristine bullet on a flat surface such as this,
24 it would roll irregularly showing it was really a
25 little deformed. And I understood that the

1 amount of lead missing from it actually equaled
2 the calculated weight of lead from -- measured
3 from President Kennedy's X rays, Governor
4 Connally's arm, and the bullet fragments taken
5 from his thigh, suggesting that it was indeed the
6 same bullet that hit President Kennedy and
7 Governor Connally but --

8 DR. McCLELLAND: Mr. Weis thinks
9 that's a bunch of --

10 DR. PETERS: Who?

11 MR. GUNN: The forensic
12 pathologist.

13 DR. PETERS: Oh, yeah, the guy
14 from Pittsburgh or something.

15 DR. McCLELLAND: He's pretty --

16 DR. PETERS: But, you know, if
17 there really was another bullet, was it of the
18 same caliber and I'd like to know what's known
19 about that. I couldn't contribute anything, but

20 it's just of interest. It makes it, as Ron said,
21 a little more complex thing to have another
22 bullet available in addition to the bullet that
23 was found in the car. Isn't that correct?

24 MR. GUNN: This is a bullet
25 fragment, so this is not --

1 DR. PETERS: Oh.

2 MR. GUNN: -- not a bullet.

3 It's a small fragment.

4 DR. PERRY: At the time of the
5 Warren Commission -- it's in those 26 volumes
6 somewhere -- they took that limousine apart
7 completely and put it back together. I was told
8 that in Washington and at the time of my
9 testimony. And it was interesting several of the
10 members of the committee did not know that they
11 had done that, and there was gilding metal found
12 on the inside of the windshield in that
13 limousine, which was fragment, too, which had to
14 come from behind because there was no hole in the
15 windshield. But they took that whole thing
16 apart, as you know, Mr. Gunn, and put it back
17 together, so it was carefully looked at.

18 Apropos what you asked
19 Dr. Jones, I had exactly the opposite experience.

20 I was advised by almost everybody I talked to,
21 Secret Service, FBI, and the Warren Commission
22 counsel to tell the truth as best I knew it in
23 its entirety and to hold nothing back on every
24 occasion, and that occurred on a number of
25 occasions that they asked me to be sure that it

1 was everything as best I knew it no matter what.

2 So I can say at least for me they seemed to make

3 every effort to get at --

4 MR. GUNN: Uh-huh.

5 DR. PERRY: -- the truth.

6 DR. PETERS: I certainly agree

7 with that.

8 (To Dr. McClelland) What did

9 you want to bring up about William --

10 DR. BAXTER: I was never

11 pressured. I think all five of us ought to be in

12 that record --

13 MR. GUNN: Okay.

14 DR. BAXTER: -- about the

15 (inaudible).

16 THE COURT REPORTER: Hang on.

17 One at a time.

18 DR. McCLELLAND: Let me just

19 tell you that Paul brought it up.

20 Dr. Jenkins, when I came in the
21 room, told me as I walked by to come up to the
22 head of the table and he said, Bob, there's a
23 wound in the left temple there. And so I went to
24 the table and I thought, you know, knowing
25 nothing else about any of the circumstances,

1 that's like that (indicating).

2 MR. GUNN: Just for the record,
3 you're pointing in with your --

4 DR. McCLELLAND: Yeah, the left
5 temple --

6 MR. GUNN: -- finger at the left
7 temple and now the back of the head.

8 DR. McCLELLAND: -- came out the
9 back. And there was a lot of blood on the left
10 temple. There was blood everywhere, but there
11 was a lot of blood on the left temple, so I
12 didn't question that.

13 And in fact, in something
14 else -- Pepper testified somewhere else, he
15 denied that he said that to me in the Warren
16 Commission. And I told him -- I said, Pepper,
17 don't you remember? No, I never said that, Bob,
18 and I never said the cerebellum fell out. Well,
19 yes, you did, too, but I didn't argue with him.

20 But the upshot of it is what
21 that led to was Mr. Garrison's case in
22 New Orleans, and he put together a scenario where
23 he thought someone -- because of what I had said
24 about the left temple bullet -- was in the storm
25 sewer on the left side of the car and fired this

1 bullet that killed the President, another gunman.
2 He didn't say that Oswald was not there. He just
3 said there was another gunman. And so he never
4 contact -- Garrison never contacted me until it
5 was essentially time to have the case in court.

6 DR. PETERS: Clay Shaw.

7 DR. McCLELLAND: Right. And so
8 I got a call one morning and it was from his
9 office -- one of the people in Garrison's office,
10 and he wanted to know if I would come to
11 New Orleans and testify. And I said, Well, you
12 know, it's odd that none of you had talked to me
13 before this. I've been hearing something about
14 it on television and whatnot.

15 And they said, Well, we assumed
16 that you still believed that the course of the
17 bullet was as you said in your written testimony
18 right after, and I said no. And his voice went
19 up about three octaves and he said, What? And I

20 said no, and I explained to him that I had
21 learned other things about the circumstances at
22 the time and that Dr. Jenkins had told me I
23 didn't see any wound here. I was just stating
24 what I had been told and that I wrote that down
25 in my written statement right after the

1 assassination. And so that was -- kind of took
2 the wind out of the sails in that particular
3 prosecution.

4 DR. JONES: I have two comments
5 relating to this, what's just been said and my
6 comment. The afternoon of the assassination we
7 were up in the OR and Lito Puerto -- I think it's
8 L-i-t-o, Puerto, P-u-e-r-t-o -- was in the OR --

9 DR. PETERS: Neurosurgeon.

10 DR. JONES: -- and he said he
11 was -- that he referred to the President --
12 because he had been down there and he said, I put
13 my -- he was shot in the leg. I said, he was
14 shot in the left temple. He said, I put my
15 finger in the hole, and I think that was part
16 of --

17 DR. McCLELLAND: I never heard
18 that. That's news to me.

19 DR. JONES: And so -- in fact, I

20 told Mr. Haron the other day -- I gave him Lito
21 Puerto's name and his telephone number. I said,
22 you know, if you're going to have the group down
23 here, why don't you get Puerto down here to
24 clarify that comment, if indeed that were the
25 case or it's not the case. But I think that was

1 part of where some of that came from.

2 The other comment that -- to
3 clarify what I said regarding Arlen Specter, I'm
4 saying that he pressured me because that was
5 after the testimony that I had given. I think
6 what he was implying was that --

7 DR. PERRY: Discretion.

8 DR. JONES: -- that you -- you
9 could get people to testify that the President
10 had been shot from the front.

11 DR. PERRY: He was asking you to
12 be discreet --

13 DR. JONES: I think that's
14 right.

15 DR. PERRY: -- not to -- not to
16 talk too much.

17 DR. JONES: Not to talk about --
18 he didn't say don't --

19 DR. PERRY: He didn't know you

20 weren't going to talk about it.

21 DR. JONES: -- don't say what

22 you think, but he suggested that I not talk about

23 what he was telling me.

24 MR. GUNN: Okay.

25 DR. PERRY: He didn't know you

1 weren't going to talk about it anyway.

2 DR. JONES: Not for 35 years.

3 MR. GUNN: I think that each of

4 you now has responded to the question about

5 whether you had felt any pressure except for

6 Dr. McClelland unless I missed that.

7 DR. McCLELLAND: I felt no

8 pressure.

9 MR. GUNN: No pressure?

10 Did anytime -- anything ever

11 happen subsequently to the Warren Commission

12 where you felt any pressure from anyone, the

13 Government, to testify one way or the other about

14 this?

15 DR. McCLELLAND: No.

16 DR. JONES: No.

17 MR. GUNN: You're all shaking

18 your heads.

19 Dr. Peters, is that --

20 DR. PETERS: No, I've never felt

21 any pressure. The only -- well, fine.

22 DR. McCLELLAND: When did Lito

23 say he did that?

24 DR. JONES: It was that

25 afternoon.

1 DR. McCLELLAND: That afternoon.

2 DR. JONES: It was my -- it was

3 that afternoon, and I believe we were upstairs,

4 but he had mentioned that he had put his finger

5 into the -- and he was sort of known as the guy

6 that went down and put his fingers in missile --

7 or bullet --

8 DR. PETERS: Brains.

9 DR. JONES: -- wounds, and that

10 was his comment at the time.

11 DR. PETERS: Where's he

12 practicing now?

13 DR. BAXTER: Arlington.

14 DR. JONES: I believe he's in

15 Arlington. I don't know if he's in active

16 practice but he's listed -- still listed in the

17 state medical association.

18 DR. BAXTER: He is. He's still

19 in practice.

20 MR. GUNN: Is the name Jane

21 Carolyn Wester --

22 DR. McCLELLAND: Oh, yeah.

23 MR. GUNN: -- familiar to any of

24 you?

25 DR. BAXTER: Sure.

1 DR. JONES: Yeah.

2 DR. PETERS: Yes, Janie Wester.

3 MR. GUNN: All right. Do you

4 know what her position was in 1963 -- November

5 '63?

6 DR. BAXTER: She was the

7 assistant supervisor of the operating room.

8 DR. PETERS: Yeah, that's what I

9 would say.

10 MR. GUNN: I'd like to hand you

11 a copy of --

12 DR. PETERS: (Inaudible.)

13 MR. GUNN: -- her testimony to

14 the Warren Commission and just ask you one

15 question about that.

16 (Discussion off the record.)

17 MR. GUNN: You're all welcome to

18 read this if you wish or not read this if you

19 wish, but I'm going to be making a reference to

20 this and ask a question. This is in Volume VI of

21 the Warren hearings.

22 She says -- and this is on

23 Page 121 -- "I received a phone call from the

24 emergency room asking us to set up for a

25 craniotomy." And Mr. Specter says, "And what is

1 a craniotomy in lay language?" "MS. WESTER:

2 That's an exploration of the head."

3 "MR. SPECTER: Was there any other request made

4 at that time?" "MS. WESTER: Yes -- well --

5 immediately following, following that I received

6 a call to set up for a thoractomy" (phonetic) --

7 DR. PETERS: Thoracotomy.

8 MR. GUNN: Thoracotomy, excuse

9 me -- "which is an exploration of the chest."

10 "MR. SPECTER: And were those two setups made in

11 accordance with the request you received?"

12 "MS. WESTER: Yes. I immediately assigned

13 personnel to set up these two rooms for these two

14 cases." "MR. SPECTER: And what room was used

15 for the craniotomy?" "MS. WESTER: The

16 craniotomy was set up in Room 7."

17 Question for you: Does any of you

18 recall whether you made a call to Ms. Wester to

19 set up a craniotomy in conjunction with

20 President Kennedy?

21 DR. PETERS: Malcolm, do you --

22 DR. JONES: Was that a question?

23 MR. GUNN: Yes.

24 DR. JONES: I was reading here.

25 DR. BAXTER: What was the

1 question?

2 MR. GUNN: Let me try the
3 question again.

4 Does any of you recall calling
5 Ms. Wester in regard to setting up a craniotomy
6 for President Kennedy?

7 DR. JONES: No.

8 DR. PERRY: No.

9 DR. McCLELLAND: No.

10 DR. BAXTER: No.

11 DR. PETERS: No.

12 MR. GUNN: Does any of you have
13 any light to shed on this observation that she
14 made?

15 DR. BAXTER: I think the only
16 light you could shed on it is that somebody --
17 maybe Doris Nelson, the head nurse in the
18 emergency room -- she was in the room with us all
19 of the time that I recall, but she might have

20 initiated the call. Someone -- anybody on
21 emergency room staff with a head injury would
22 call up and say, be prepared. So I think it's
23 totally insignificant the fact that she testified
24 to that, and it just has no meaning except be
25 prepared.

1 DR. PERRY: We set up a lot of
2 rooms we don't necessarily execute.

3 DR. BAXTER: Yeah, all the time.

4 DR. PETERS: Yeah.

5 DR. McCLELLAND: What is this --
6 I noticed Ms. Wester said what -- or Mr. Specter
7 said, "What else, if anything, was on that
8 stretcher?" And Ms. Wester: "There were several
9 glassine packets, small packets of hypodermic
10 needles -- well, packed in and sterilized in.
11 There were several others -- some alcohol
12 sponges and a roll of one-inch tape. Those
13 things, I definitely know, were on the cart, and
14 the sheets, of course."

15 MR. GUNN: Does that mean
16 anything to you?

17 DR. McCLELLAND: No. I mean --

18 DR. BAXTER: What is a glassine
19 packet?

20 DR. McCLELLAND: Oh, that's a
21 little -- little plastic things they use to put
22 those ampules in.

23 THE COURT REPORTER: Those what?

24 MR. GUNN: Ampules.

25 DR. McCLELLAND: Ampule,

1 a-m-p-o-u-l-e.

2 MR. GUNN: As a former stamp
3 collector, I remember them for places where you
4 put stamps.

5 DR. McCLELLAND: Right.

6 MR. GUNN: Have you-all seen the
7 autopsy protocol that was drafted by Doctors
8 Humes, Boswell, and Fink?

9 DR. JONES: I don't recall that
10 I have.

11 DR. PERRY: (Nods
12 affirmatively.)

13 DR. McCLELLAND: (Nods
14 affirmatively.)

15 MR. GUNN: Dr. Perry, what -- do
16 you remember how soon it was that you saw the
17 report after the assassination? Dr. --

18 DR. PERRY: You know, this -- we
19 went down this road two or three times about

20 the -- on several occasions and talked about that
21 report, but I don't remember the details
22 surrounding it.

23 MR. GUNN: Dr. McClelland,
24 you --

25 DR. McCLELLAND: It was a number

1 of years.

2 MR. GUNN: Later?

3 DR. McCLELLAND: Yeah.

4 DR. PETERS: I saw it at the

5 National Archives, and I always wondered if it

6 really was accurate because when it came to

7 adrenals, (inaudible) because of being

8 Addisonian.

9 Humes had written two or three

10 words which were not legible at all, if that was

11 his actual writing down as he went through the

12 autopsy. I thought it was inaccurate for anyone

13 else who had to transcribe it subsequently. And

14 I asked about that at the time, and they said,

15 well, didn't want to make too much reference to

16 the adrenals because Robert Kennedy did not want

17 them to say anything about the adrenals because

18 he was going to run for president and he didn't

19 want people to think he had congenitally acquired

20 Addisonian disease because his brother had had
21 it. Probably President Kennedy had developed it
22 from tuberculosis, I think, a common cause of
23 bilateral destruction of the adrenals in those
24 days.

25 But Humes -- the autopsy report

1 they showed me was terribly done. I don't know
2 what you saw, but it was -- the writing was
3 illegible, just some scribbling as they came to
4 each organ. When he came to adrenals, just a
5 little scribble. It was not legible. So I
6 don't -- that's -- they showed that to me as --
7 the autopsy report by Dr. Humes. And I said,
8 well, we had a great guy in Dallas who should
9 have done this autopsy, Earl Rose. He was a
10 forensic pathologist trained but didn't have a
11 chance.

12 MR. GUNN: Dr. Baxter, did you
13 see the autopsy report?

14 DR. BAXTER: I've never seen it.
15 Heard a lot about it but never saw it.

16 DR. JONES: I think we may have
17 seen some excerpts from it or maybe even seen a
18 reprint of it, but I never saw the original.

19 DR. PETERS: No, I never either.

20 DR. BAXTER: No.

21 MR. GUNN: Would any of you have

22 thought that it would have been appropriate for

23 you to talk in greater depth with Doctors Humes,

24 Fink, or Boswell about the autopsy, have a

25 discussion either immediately after the

1 assassination or at some --

2 DR. PETERS: Well, I understood

3 they called Dr. Perry and Dr. Carrico, and I

4 think they could tell them as much as any of us

5 could. That was right at the time. I mean --

6 MR. GUNN: One thing, as a

7 layperson, when I look at the autopsy protocol

8 and at what we have called the face sheet, which

9 I think is what Dr. Peters was referring to with

10 the drawings -- I'm not able to identify really

11 where the wounds are and what the scope of the

12 wounds are. And the photographs also are

13 somewhat difficult to interpret certainly for me

14 and from what I have seen in talking with other

15 doctors about this. It is often difficult for

16 them to interpret as well to what was happening

17 so that the physical record leaves something to

18 be desired I think would be a probably a fair

19 statement.

20 DR. PERRY: Mr. Gunn, am I in
21 error recalling that there were precise
22 measurements made on that posterior wound? I
23 recall the measurements made by using the mastoid
24 process 14 centimeters down and 10 centimeters to
25 one side.

1 Dr. Humes made some precise
2 measurements and he recorded that there was some
3 discussion about that. His pictographs did not
4 correspond with his measurements, but I don't
5 know how the stick people were. Mine always had
6 too long an arm or too big a head or something,
7 and I would throw those things away, but I think
8 there were some precise measurements made in
9 relation to bony prominences about where those
10 wounds were and that was recorded, was it not?

11 MR. GUNN: Let me give you
12 copies of the face sheet, which is Exhibit MD 1,
13 and the autopsy protocol, which is MD --

14 DR. PERRY: Is that not in
15 there, those measurements?

16 MR. GUNN: We can talk about
17 that in just a moment, yes.

18 DR. PERRY: Because I recall
19 seeing those measurements early on, 14 to 10

20 centimeters or something like that.

21 MR. GUNN: (Tenders documents.)

22 DR. PERRY: Yeah, 14 from the --

23 I remember seeing that originally -- those

24 numbers.

25 DR. JONES: Is this the original

1 report or is this a mixed version or what?

2 MR. GUNN: For Exhibit 1, these
3 are the only notes that are still in existence
4 from those that were taken during the autopsy
5 itself.

6 DR. PERRY: These were the ones
7 I saw so many years ago because I remembered
8 those numbers.

9 MR. GUNN: That's Exhibit 1 that
10 you're referring to. And then the second one,
11 the autopsy protocol, is Exhibit 3, so this was
12 the report that Doctors Humes, Fink, and Boswell
13 subsequently signed.

14 There is in addition to this a
15 supplementary brain examination, which I also
16 have a copy of. If you are interested in that, I
17 can give that one to you as well.

18 If you can look at Page 2 of
19 Exhibit 1, there's a drawing that in his

20 deposition Dr. Boswell referred -- said that he
21 was the one who had drawn that and who had
22 written the markings on that.

23 And, again, as a layperson, when
24 I look at this and I see a portion of it that's
25 marked 10 by 17 with "missing" underneath it, I

1 wondered what that meant, so I talked with Dr.
2 Boswell to some extent about this during the
3 deposition, and I asked him to mark on an
4 anatomically correct skull -- plastic skull what
5 the scope of the damages were, and I brought that
6 with me today and I'd like to show that to you
7 and see if that helps you to explain anything
8 that you observed or if it appears to be
9 consistent.

10 DR. JONES: Can you orient me?
11 Are we looking -- which direction -- I'm assuming
12 that as I look at this, that this is right and
13 this is left?

14 MR. GUNN: That's correct, so
15 nose is at the top.

16 DR. JONES: Are we interpreting
17 this in any way or are you giving us directions?

18 MR. GUNN: I will -- you can
19 take a look at that for a moment and then I will

20 talk to you about this.

21 The skull that I have here is

22 Exhibit Number 74 with the markings on this

23 having been made by Dr. Boswell at his deposition

24 and signed by him on February 26th, '96, down

25 here. He identified -- going along, ask you

1 about this particular question -- the entrance
2 wound as being in approximately the location down
3 here. And he stressed throughout that this is
4 approximate and this cannot be considered to be
5 accurate, but it was his best recollection so
6 there's nothing precise about this at all.

7 For the line that he marked as
8 Exhibit 1, which goes -- of this sort, this
9 direction here which you can see, he said that
10 the skull in that area was missing, and I'll read
11 you the provision of the transcript from that.

12 And he said where Line 2 is, this was a
13 laceration in the scalp.

14 And if you notice here, again,
15 looking at the plastic model, that there is a
16 place where Line 2 intersects Line 1 and it would
17 seem to go down to the right of the right orbit.

18 Dr. Boswell was not certain
19 whether that was torn during the course of the

20 autopsy or not, but he thought that it probably
21 was. And, again, I have his exact words here
22 from the deposition, if I can read these.

23 "Now, this suggests that a very
24 large portion of the skull is missing at the time
25 that the autopsy begins. Does that correspond

1 with your own observations or do you feel that
2 you're not even in a position to be able to make
3 an observation?"

4 DR. JONES: What's the overlying
5 tissue, or are we saying that the whole skin and
6 everything is gone, or is this just skin -- is
7 the skin over this or not over it in the autopsy
8 report?

9 MR. GUNN: For practical
10 purposes -- first, the autopsy report is not
11 clear. The autopsy report itself is not clear on
12 this issue, so this comes from the deposition.
13 For the most part, the scalp was there. For the
14 most part, the bone was missing at the time the
15 autopsy began, although some pieces came during
16 the course of the autopsy and they were able to
17 fit them in. So he's not saying that all of this
18 was missing throughout the autopsy but that this
19 was missing at the time the autopsy began.

20 Now, you're obviously treating
21 the patient in a very different perspective from
22 a person performing the autopsy, and I understand
23 that, and to some extent you may not have
24 something useful to make -- observe about that or
25 you may have something. I'm just interested in

1 whether this would seem to correspond with what
2 you were in a position to be able to observe or
3 not.

4 DR. JONES: Well, we can go
5 around the room again, the -- if this is a skin
6 laceration or a skin destruction --

7 MR. GUNN: That's --

8 DR. JONES: I'm pointing to
9 the -- from the skull down along the right eye.

10 MR. GUNN: Line 2 on Exhibit 74.

11 DR. JONES: And if -- to my
12 recollection, that skin was intact. There was no
13 facial injury on the right side that extended all
14 the way down to the eye. And I feel like I did
15 have enough view from my stance to see that.

16 Secondly, I thought the skin
17 over the top of the head was intact from what I
18 saw, but I don't know what was under the skin and
19 whether the skull was there or not. As I

20 mentioned earlier this morning, my initial
21 impression in looking at the President was that
22 he did not look like I had thought he would, and
23 my earlier testimony before the Warren Commission
24 was that he had facial relaxation of tissue --
25 seemed to be relaxation of tissue and I suppose

1 that that could possibly be accounted for by loss
2 of skull and allowing the tissue to relax.

3 DR. McCLELLAND: Well, as I
4 understand that oblique line going across the top
5 of the skull --

6 MR. GUNN: Line 2.

7 DR. McCLELLAND: Right -- that's
8 consistent with the parietal bone sticking out
9 through the laceration just in that position
10 and -- but I'm not quite sure I understand from
11 the drawing how much of the skull is missing in
12 relation to those lines.

13 MR. GUNN: What Dr. Boswell
14 suggested is these lines are all approximates --
15 and he wanted that to be stressed -- that the
16 skull itself was missing here (indicating). The
17 scalp was not missing but the scalp could -- was
18 torn and lacerated in different places. So it's
19 conceivable that it could have been pulled up in

20 one part or pulled up in another part at any time

21 after the assassination.

22 DR. McCLELLAND: Yeah.

23 MR. GUNN: But the skull itself

24 was missing underneath.

25 DR. McCLELLAND: Well, that's

1 consistent, you know, but the only thing that I
2 might think is that it was more posterior, more
3 down on the occipital bone than I'm understanding
4 from the skull here.

5 DR. PETERS: Had a little bulge
6 in the back there --

7 DR. McCLELLAND: Yeah.

8 DR. PETERS: -- towards the --
9 right almost -- yeah.

10 MR. GUNN: Down in there --

11 DR. PETERS: Yeah.

12 DR. McCLELLAND: -- is where it
13 was.

14 DR. PETERS: A little opening
15 there.

16 DR. McCLELLAND: Uh-huh.

17 MR. GUNN: The part I'm pointing
18 now to what I'm understanding to be the occipital
19 bone on --

20 DR. McCLELLAND: That's right.

21 MR. GUNN: -- on the skull, and

22 that is part of what he has missing in his --

23 DR. McCLELLAND: Right.

24 MR. GUNN: -- in his drawing.

25 DR. McCLELLAND: I've seen that.

1 It was blown out onto the street, I think, wasn't
2 it, and picked up --

3 DR. PETERS: Yeah, a large
4 fragment --

5 DR. McCLELLAND: -- the next
6 day.

7 DR. PETERS: -- of parietal bone
8 was --

9 MR. GUNN: So the occipital --

10 DR. McCLELLAND: Not parietal,
11 occipital.

12 DR. PETERS: Well, okay,
13 occipitoparietal.

14 DR. McCLELLAND: It was a
15 triangular piece of --

16 DR. PETERS: Right.

17 DR. McCLELLAND: -- bone back, I
18 imagine, where the suture is. So if he agrees
19 that it goes back that far posterior, the loss of

20 bone, then that would be consistent with what I

21 saw.

22 And as I recall from having seen

23 on a number of occasions, this approved film,

24 it's clear when the bullet strikes the

25 President's head that there is a bright flash as

1 a flap of skin is blown down kind of over the
2 right ear.

3 DR. PETERS: Right.

4 DR. McCLELLAND: And that would
5 be consistent with there being an injury going
6 down toward the eye, and then it probably was
7 pulled back up in some way. It didn't continue
8 to lie over the ear, but it did at the moment of
9 impact -- it flew back and it was very clear that
10 there was a flap being turned at that moment.

11 DR. PETERS: When I first walked
12 in the room and saw the President in a slight
13 Trendelenburg position, I agree completely with
14 what Dr. Jones said, his face -- it appeared --
15 his forehead, the hair was down just a little bit
16 like he might be frowning, but he wasn't.

17 And the -- I agree with what Bob
18 said about the thing being mostly posterior
19 occipital mostly and some parietal bone missing

20 because you can look right in and see the brain.

21 When they showed me the autopsy

22 reports 25 years later, there's a cut on

23 President Kennedy's scalp coming down towards his

24 eye, which I would swear was not there that day.

25 I thought they probably made that, what looks

1 like maybe an inch or inch-and-a-half extension
2 maybe to do part of the autopsy. It looked like
3 it were cut with a knife. It didn't look like a
4 tear, but I suppose it could have been.

5 MR. GUNN: So, you know, I did
6 ask that question in the deposition and I was
7 told repeatedly by several different witnesses
8 that the photographs were taken before any cuts
9 or --

10 DR. PETERS: Manipulation.

11 MR. GUNN: -- incisions were
12 made to the head, so that was in a sense
13 pristine.

14 DR. PETERS: You can see it
15 coming down there but it -- as you looked at his
16 face, you didn't get the idea that there was a
17 cut extending down onto his forehead or anything.

18 Wouldn't you agree with that,
19 Ron?

20 DR. JONES: Yes, I would agree

21 there was no facial injury whatsoever.

22 MR. GUNN: Now, I'm approaching

23 this as a layperson, which may be good or may be

24 bad. I would have imagined myself if I had seen

25 President Kennedy in Trauma Room 1 and this part

1 of the skull -- the part that's within Line 1 of
2 Dr. Boswell -- if this were missing, I would
3 imagine it would be noticeable to me as a
4 layperson that there is severe damage to the
5 skull. Is -- would that be a misperception on my
6 part?

7 DR. PETERS: Depends on which
8 angle you approached him.

9 DR. McCLELLAND: From the front
10 you might not --

11 DR. PETERS: Right.

12 DR. McCLELLAND: -- think that.

13 DR. PETERS: That's right.

14 MR. GUNN: So none of you made
15 observations that would -- or maybe the question
16 is: Did any of you see any appearance of damage
17 by looking just at the scalp and just at the hair
18 that would suggest that that much of the skull
19 was missing, or were you even in the position to

20 be able to --

21 DR. JONES: Well, I think you

22 could see the top part of the head reasonably

23 well. He had a very thick bushy head of hair --

24 DR. PETERS: Yeah.

25 DR. JONES: -- and it was

1 difficult to see down through the hair.

2 DR. BAXTER: All --

3 DR. JONES: I didn't see any

4 indentation of the skull or anything like half of

5 the top of the head was missing.

6 DR. BAXTER: All matted with

7 blood. Unless you were up there and directly

8 examining it, I don't think anybody could make a

9 statement from what I saw. I mean, it was just

10 one mass of blood and hair.

11 DR. PETERS: I was amazed when I

12 saw the first X ray of the skull -- the lateral

13 skull of the extent of the fragmentation of the

14 skull. I did not appreciate that I think because

15 a lot of it was covered by scalp at the time we

16 worked on him. We were doing a resuscitation,

17 not a forensic autopsy.

18 MR. GUNN: Now, for many people

19 the ultimate question is whether President

20 Kennedy was shot from the front or from behind,
21 and I want to avoid that sort of question not
22 because it's unimportant but what I -- what I'm
23 mostly interested in are the observations that
24 you have about what you observed yourself rather
25 than what you might imagine.

1 But in saying that, I also don't
2 want to cut off observations that you think,
3 based upon your own experience and your
4 examination of President Kennedy, that would be
5 useful to have as part of the record.

6 So I'm not encouraging you to
7 give your ultimate conclusions or your beliefs,
8 but to the extent that you think that you have
9 something appropriate to put into the record
10 based upon your own experience in the Trauma Room
11 I, in your experience as medical experts, I would
12 be interested in hearing that.

13 Dr. Jones.

14 DR. JONES: Your question has to
15 do with what we saw as we walked in, which is
16 what we've testified.

17 DR. PETERS: Not what we've
18 learned 30 years later?

19 MR. GUNN: Yes.

20 DR. JONES: And Dr. Perry and I
21 walked in. We both looked at the president.
22 Dr. Carrico was at the head of the table, and we
23 both recognized probably simultaneously that it
24 did not look like he had an airway or any IV
25 access. And addressing the entrance wound that

1 we -- addressing the neck wound that we initially
2 looked at, I thought it was with very small range
3 of a quarter of an inch or something like that
4 and made an assumption.

5 MR. GUNN: Again, to the --
6 you've all made the descriptions previously about
7 what you observed. Is there anything else that
8 you think should be part of the record based upon
9 your observations that I have not asked you
10 about?

11 DR. McCLELLAND: Let me ask a
12 question in regard to that. I'm -- I think my
13 subsequent thoughts about the nature of the wound
14 and the direction from which the bullet may have
15 come were colored almost where you couldn't
16 separate the two influences by what I saw of the
17 head wound in the Trauma Room 1 and then by what
18 I think I saw -- well, know I saw but whether I
19 interpreted it properly is another thing on the

20 Zapruder film, putting those two things together,
21 and I couldn't help but put them together.

22 And it looked to me clearly as
23 if he were shot from the front on the film, and
24 that was not inconsistent with what I saw as
25 perhaps an exit wound on a bullet entering in the

1 back of his head.

2 And I remember I saw that one
3 night. It was, I guess, the first time they had
4 showed it on that Geraldo Rivera program, and
5 when I first saw that film and his head was
6 thrown backward, it first looked like maybe that
7 that was because the car sped up and therefore
8 jerked his head backward, but they replayed the
9 film in slow motion and then several times after
10 that I've seen the same thing. And the car
11 didn't start moving forward rapidly until several
12 frames after his head had been thrown backward by
13 what strikes me as could have been the force from
14 a bullet coming from the front. That's just my
15 impression. That's all it is, and that's not
16 inconsistent with my view of that wound.

17 DR. PETERS: I think at the
18 time, that day particularly I think is just as
19 Dr. Perry described it. It could have been an

20 entrance wound with a big exit wound at the back
21 of the skull. We were to learn later he had a
22 bullet that transversed through the back of his
23 neck and out the front and that Malcolm would be
24 best qualified to speak about that because he
25 saw -- and I guess Charlie and maybe Ron, too --

1 the wound before anything was done to it.

2 But Dr. Lattimer, my friend, and
3 the FBI fired 500 shots into skulls with various
4 contents -- liquid, plaster of Paris, so forth --
5 and it showed that when an individual struck from
6 behind with a high velocity missile, the head is
7 propelled towards the shooter. Of course, I
8 didn't know that that day. I hadn't seen the
9 Zapruder film yet, and all we had was the
10 President lying before us.

11 But their evidence would tend to
12 suggest that the President's head was propelled
13 backwards because of the nature of the velocity
14 of the bullet that struck the skull going from a
15 harder outer cranium into a soft custard-like
16 brain. And so that was -- that's the only
17 evidence I know for the head going backwards.

18 DR. McCLELLAND: Could I make a
19 comment about that?

20 DR. PETERS: Sure.

21 DR. McCLELLAND: I'm no

22 physicist and I'm no ballistics expert, but it

23 just seems to me -- and I would appreciate

24 everybody else's thoughts on that -- that those

25 are not good parallel experiments because those

1 skulls were either suspended on strings or were
2 sat on stools, not attached to anything.

3 The President's body was
4 attached to a 170-some-odd-pound body and the
5 force of that bullet was transmitted to his head
6 as it was attached to that body. So I don't
7 think you can say that because an unattached
8 skull blows off like that, that that relates to
9 anything about what --

10 DR. PETERS: Well, I think the
11 forces could be applied to the skull, and Walter
12 Alvarez, the physicist, did predict the actual
13 behavior of the missile, you know, prior to them
14 carrying out the experiments.

15 DR. McCLELLAND: Well, but what
16 I'm saying, Paul, that you can't say that an
17 unattached skull as opposed to a skull that's
18 attached to a heavy body, that it could propel
19 the skull off a stool which weighs nothing but it

20 couldn't propel that -- with that heavy body
21 attached to it in that direction unless the
22 bullet were fired from the front and it carried
23 the head and the body backward, which I think is
24 very likely what happened. But an unattached
25 skull sitting on a stool, I mean, you can say

1 that today --

2 DR. PETERS: Well, but the
3 forces directing just the head could be applied
4 to the head regardless of what it's attached to.

5 I mean, it's going to --

6 DR. McCLELLAND: It couldn't
7 carry the body --

8 DR. PETERS: -- undergo a
9 certain motion --

10 DR. McCLELLAND: Couldn't carry
11 the body backward.

12 DR. PETERS: No, probably not.
13 At that point --

14 DR. McCLELLAND: That's what I'm
15 saying.

16 DR. PETERS: -- the body would
17 come into play, I think.

18 DR. PERRY: May I offer one
19 perhaps physiological explanation for your

20 consideration?

21 When you pith a frog, brain stem

22 injury, they go into marked opisthotonos. When

23 you give electric shock to a patient, they go

24 into marked opisthotonos and occasionally even

25 used to fracture vertebrae and we used muscle

1 relaxants.

2 In massive brain stem
3 stimulation in both animals and humans causes
4 extension of the very strong extensor muscles of
5 the back rather than the flexor muscles of the
6 body, and they are stronger. They hold us in the
7 upright position. And almost all of those
8 injuries propel the body, both animal and human,
9 into an opisthotonos position, which is
10 hyperextension. And it may be that the massive
11 electrical stimulation of a brain stem injury
12 would produce, just like electric shock does,
13 like pithing does, opisthotonos, which would
14 extend the back and the head and propel it
15 backwards.

16 I don't know if it's true or
17 not, but I offer it for consideration as a
18 possible physiologic explanation, what one sees
19 on that film.

20 DR. PETERS: Now, in addition to
21 that, only a second or so before he'd been shot
22 through the neck and he has his arms up, which
23 people say is a reflex described in the late
24 1800s by a Russian neurologist, which is evidence
25 of acute spinal cord injury with opisthotonos and

1 with the arms being propelled.

2 And if you look closely at the
3 pictures, his hands are not coming up as one
4 would grasp his neck. They're coming up together
5 above the wound, which is -- I don't remember the
6 name of the individual who described it, but a
7 sign of acute spinal cord injury. So he could
8 have already had a little bit of that at the time
9 the second bullet hit.

10 MR. GUNN: I don't think that
11 there was any -- and I should stay out of this
12 conversation mostly. But I don't think that
13 there was any evidence of spinal cord injury in
14 the President, though, and the autopsy doctor --

15 DR. PETERS: I don't know if
16 there is a bullet showing fragmentation of the --
17 an injury to one of the cervical vertebrae on a
18 lateral view, so there could have been some
19 contusion in that area which could have been

20 quite a stimulation to the spinal cord resulting
21 in that reflex. I don't think it was bruised
22 itself.

23 MR. GUNN: I think that that is
24 something that some people see on the X rays,
25 some don't.

1 DR. PETERS: I see.

2 MR. GUNN: But there was -- but
3 there was no evidence in the autopsy itself of
4 any spinal cord injury as far as I understand,
5 but the record speaks for itself.

6 DR. PETERS: We're getting off a
7 little bit into what ordinary citizens might
8 speculate about instead of what we as doctors --

9 DR. McCLELLAND: And it's all
10 speculation.

11 DR. PETERS: -- thought that
12 day. Yeah.

13 DR. JONES: In relation to the
14 interior neck wound, one of the things that might
15 have come out in questioning was whether or not
16 that could even be due to a bone fragment. I
17 don't know whether that injury was traced all the
18 way from the back to the front for sure and
19 demonstrated conclusively that those two wounds

20 truly corrected -- connected. Excuse me.

21 DR. PERRY: And is it not a

22 matter of record that there was also gilding

23 metal on the knot of the tie? Isn't that

24 correct?

25 MR. GUNN: On the knot of the

1 tie?

2 DR. PERRY: On the knot of the
3 tie? There was injury to the tie and there was
4 some gilding metal, which is bullet jacket metal,
5 on the knot of the tie.

6 MR. GUNN: I don't know.

7 DR. PERRY: I think that's in
8 the record.

9 MR. GUNN: One of the things in
10 the -- during the autopsy, they did not link the
11 wound in the back to the neck. That did not come
12 until after they spoke with Dr. Perry, so there
13 was no tracing. There was an attempt to use the
14 probe, and they found that the probe went in a
15 short degree and then they could not find that it
16 connected anywhere.

17 DR. PERRY: We mentioned the
18 vagaries of trajectory, but when you put in a
19 probe in someone who's flaccid and someone who's

20 moving, entirely different.

21 MR. GUNN: Sure.

22 DR. PERRY: The pathway is

23 entirely different in a person in action and one

24 that's quiet, so it's no value to you whatsoever.

25 MR. GUNN: Sure. The only point

1 was they did not make that determination during
2 the course of the autopsy itself.

3 DR. PERRY: All of us at this
4 table learned a long time ago that probing wounds
5 was a fruitless exercise and sometimes dangerous.

6 MR. GUNN: Okay. Any other
7 observations?

8 (No audible response.)

9 MR. GUNN: Well, then, let me
10 thank you again for your time. I appreciate your
11 coming here today.

12 DR. PERRY: Can we depend on
13 another 30 years before we're asked anything?

14 MR. GUNN: My promise.

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17 said witness, CHARLES BAXTER, M.D., on this the

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