
Final Report
Chapter 6, Section XVIII, Medical Evidence
July 31, 1998

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A. Use Jeremy's Staff Medical Memo for the Public, dated July 31, 1998, as the core for this paragraph. Finalize after results of attempts to depose Dallas treating physicians known.

B. Autopsy Records:

1. The Review Board staff contacted the children of deceased Vice-Admiral George G. Burkley, MC, USN, former military White House physician to Presidents Kennedy and Johnson, in an attempt to find out whether their late father had deposited his papers at any institution, or whether they themselves were in possession of any assassination records. They said he left no papers, and they were not in possession of any assassination records. The Review Board staff attempted to get the late Admiral's daughter, the executrix of his estate, to sign a waiver allowing access to any attorney-client privileged papers that may presently be in the possession of the law firm of Mr. Illig, formerly George Burkley's personal attorney, who is also now deceased. Unfortunately, she refused. [HSCA files indicate Mr. Illig had approached the House Select Committee on Assassinations and said that his client, Vice-Admiral Burkley (retired), was of the belief that there was a conspiracy to kill President Kennedy, and wanted to discuss it with the HSCA. This was the reason for the Review Board staff's interest.]

2. Before her death, the Review Board staff contacted Dr. Janet Travell, formerly the private White House physician to President Kennedy, to ascertain whether she had any knowledge of, or connection with, President Kennedy's autopsy--or any knowledge as to disposition of autopsy materials that are presently missing. She said she had no involvement with the autopsy whatsoever, and had no

knowledge about disposition of autopsy materials that were previously inventoried, but are presently unlocated.

3. The ARRB staff contacted the widow of Dr. John J. Ebersole, the Navy radiologist who, although not board-certified at the time, was on duty the night of President Kennedy's autopsy at Bethesda NNMC, and served as consulting radiologist during that procedure. She said she had neither any personal papers of Dr. Ebersole, nor assassination records.
