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Body: Tom, I enjoyed your report very much and appreciate the time and effort you put into this.I also concur with your recommendation that we depose these people; as I see it, how can it hurt? Individual researchers can draw their own conclusions later on as to whether any particular autopsy witness is accurate in his recollection, or telling the truth. But as I see it, and perhaps you also, to do the 3 autopsy pathologists and the photographer of record, and to then ignore the "little people" in the room, is inconsistent with truly "clarifying" or "completing" the historical record. As I believe you and I see it, this is the last chance for any government body to depose these first-hand witnesses to the autopsy on President Kennedy. It would probably restore some of these individuals' faith in government, and perhaps the faith of many of the research community in government, if the ARRB would simply depose them, record their recollections under oath, and place those records in the JFK Collection. We need not pass judgement on whose conflicting recollections are correct, and whose are not, since we are not reinvestigating or drawing conclusions. But I concur with you that obtaining their depositions, since each (except Dennis David) was a participant in the autopsy, is easily justifiable and indeed, proper. And since Dennis David has claimed to have seen autopsy photographs, and witnessed events which pertain to chain-of-custody issues re: the body, I agree that he should be deposed also.Sometimes the "little people" in history are placed such that they observe important events; one need not be a medical doctor, or the supervisor in charge of a procedure, to accurately observe events.Thanks, again. I hope your recommendation has some influence on those who will make these decisions.

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