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can see from the samples I ve taken from hisbook, UNNATURAL DEATH: CONFESSIONS OF A MEDICAL EXAMINER (Random House, 1989), Baden -- formerly Head of the House Select Committee on Assassinations MedicalPanel -- went far beyond making the usual misleading statements. He must havehad great faith in Allen Dulles s comment: But nobody reads. Don t believepeople read in this county. There will be a few professors that will read therecord...the public will read very little. To those involved in what theCIA calls perception management, reality seems to be just a rough draft. If people like Baden feel free to lie about what is on public record, imagine the reliability of information they provide that can t be verified. THE HARPER FRAGMENT The fourth [fragment]... was found a few days after the autopsy by a premedstudent... He took it home to his father, a doctor, who knew what it was and hadit photographed. At a party, the photographer couldn t resist talking aboutit, and the story got back to the FBI. Agents swooped down on the premedstudent, who was saving the fragment as a souvenir. [P.17](1) According to FBI documents found by Dr. Josiah Thompson, the Harpersbehaved quite responsibly. Billy Harper took the fragment to his uncle, Dr. Jack Harper who quickly took it to Methodist Hospital where it was examined bythe chief pathologist, A.B. Cairns, and photographed. On the following Monday, 11/25/64, Dr. Harper turned the fragment over to the FBI. [7 HSCA 24] The FBIretrieved photos of the bone from Mrs. Harper 7/10/64. [7 HSCA 122] (2) In Dallas, the bone was identified as occipital (back of head) but, asnoted by author David Lifton, photos of the bone (the bone itself is missing)were said by the HSCA to show parietal bone (front of head). As first notedby Thompson, a blown-out fragment from the back of the head suggests a shot fromthe front. Why would Baden want to discredit the Harpers? Have the archivedphotos of this fragment ever been authenticated by anyone who actually saw thebone fragment itself? KENNEDY S HEAD WOUND Perhaps the most egregious error was the four-inch miscalculation. The head isonly five inches long from crown to neck, but Humes was confused by a littlepiece of brain tissue that had adhered to the scalp. He placed the head woundfour inches lower than it actually was, near the neck instead of the cowlick. [p16](1) Baden neglects to mention that Humes told him the wound on the SKULLprecisely coincided with the piece of tissue adhering to the scalp. [7 HSCA251] (2) Baden implies the autopsists never lifted up the scalp to examine the bonebeneath, an absurdity comparable to not removing a victim s clothing during anautopsy. (3) Baden implies that only one pathologist was involved, instead of three:Humes, Boswell and Finck. (4) Baden implies that a calculation (more opportunity for error) instead of asimple direct measurement resulted in this monumental

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