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AFFILIATION/ROLE IN 1963: Became Chairman of the Division of Neurological Surgery at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School in 1956, and as such was at Parkland Hospital on November 22, 1963. (Parkland Memorial Hospital is the major teaching hospital of the medical school.)

- Director of Neurological Surgery
- Pronounced Kennedy dead
- Signed Certificate of Death
- Prepared written treatment report and summary of treatment provided by the other doctors

OBSERVATIONS/TESTIMONY ABOUT THE PRESIDENT:

(1) From his handwritten statement signed at 4:15 P.M. on November 22, 1963:
“...cerebral tissue present on the cart...there was a smaller amount of cerebellar tissue present also...”
and “There was a large wound beginning in the right occiput extending into the parietal region.”

(2) From his typewritten summary statement prepared for Dr. Burkley on November 23, 1963:
“Two external wounds, one in the lower third of the anterior neck, the other in the occipital region of the skull, were noted. Through the head wound, blood and brain were extruding.” “There was a large wound in the right occipito-parietal region, from which profuse bleeding was occurring.” “There was considerable loss of scalp and bone tissue. Both cerebral and cerebellar tissue were extruding from the wound.”

(3) The following excerpts are from his sworn testimony before Arlen Specter on March 21, 1964: “I then examined the wound in the back of the President’s head. This was a large, gaping wound in the right posterior part, with cerebral and cerebellar tissue being damaged and exposed.” Regarding what he said at the press conference following the President’s death, Dr. Clark testified: “...I said it could be an exit wound, but I felt it was a tangential wound...the wound in the head...I defined the word tangential as being--striking an object obliquely, not squarely or head on.” Additional excerpts include the following: “...the loss of cerebellar tissue would probably have been of minimal consequence in the performance of his duties. The loss of the right occipital and probably part of the right parietal lobes (of the right cerebral hemisphere) would have been of specific importance...”. Regarding the wound to the anterior neck: “I was not present when the President arrived and did not see this wound. If any statement regarding its entrance or exit was made by me, it was indicating that there was a small wound described there by the physicians who first saw the President...A specific quotation regarding entrance or exit, I feel, is a partial quotation or incompletely quoted from me...It was the assumption, based on the previously described deviation of the trachea and the presence of blood in the strap muscles of the neck that a wound or missile might have entered

the President's chest...collapse of a lung would have produced, or will produce deviation of the trachea...Dr. Perry assumed that the findings in the neck were due to penetration of the missile into the chest." Regarding Specter's question about whether he saw a small entrance wound in the President's back: "Such a wound could have been easily overlooked in the presence of the much larger wound in the right occipital region of the President's skull..."

(4) Researcher David Naro interviewed Dr. Clark twice by telephone and has published the following quotes by Dr. Clark:

(A) (January 5, 1994) Dr. Clark told me that on November 22, 1963 he had observed "a large hole in the back of the President's head" and that the back of the head was "blown out"..."In my opinion the wound was an exit wound."

(B) (January 20, 1994) "The lower right region of the head was blown out and I saw cerebellum."

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS FOR INTERVIEW:

- Would you please describe the wound to the President's head?
- Would you please make a sketch of the President's head wound?
- Would you please examine these later generation versions of the President's autopsy photos, and state whether they are accurate, and whether there is anything that is at variance with what you saw?