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**AFFILIATION/ROLE IN 1963:**

- Third-year surgical resident
- Along with Dr. Salyer, performed cut-down on President's right leg
- Did *not* prepare any written treatment statements
- Was *not* deposed by Warren Commission.

**OBSERVATIONS/TESTIMONY ABOUT THE PRESIDENT:**

(1) Subsequent to the controversy over the publication of his book, Dr. Crenshaw was interviewed twice by the FBI, on July 22, 1992, and on August 13, 1992. During the course of those interviews, he stated "I'm no writer," and explained that he took his loose leaf personal journal (which he no longer has) of the events of the weekend of November 22-24, 1963 and turned it over to Jens Hansen, who along with J. Gary Shaw, prepared the actual text of his book, *Conspiracy of Silence*. Because it became apparent during the FBI interviews that some parts of his book were "poorly worded" by the actual author, Jens Hansen, and not verbatim quotes of Dr. Crenshaw's observations, nothing from the book is quoted here. Only the redescriptions of the President's wounds provided to the FBI in 1992 are given here below, as printed in the FBI reports:

(A) Head Wound (7/22/92): The head wound was located at the back of the President's head and was the approximate size of Doctor Crenshaw's fist. It extended from the approximate center of the skull in the back to just behind the right ear, utilizing a left to right orientation and from a position a couple of inches above the right ear to the approximate middle of the right ear utilizing a top to bottom orientation. Prior to the President's body being placed in the coffin, Doctor Crenshaw had an opportunity to view the President's head wound. Doctor Crenshaw had an opportunity to move the head and noted that the wound was located in the right rear of the head and that the cerebellum portion of the brain was exposed. It was this point that Dr. Crenshaw placed his fist next to the wound in order to compare the wound's relative size...the face was not marred and...based upon the wound which he observed at the back of the head "the only thing that we can postulate" was that a shot from the side had entered just above the right ear and exploded a portion of the President's head. Doctor Crenshaw described the wound as a "tangential wound." There was no sign of an entry wound in the skull; Doctor Crenshaw developed his supposition of a tangential wound based upon his experience.

(B) Head Wound (8/13/92): No mention in this interview.

(C) Throat Wound (7/22/92): ...a small, round, well-demarcated wound measuring

approximately 3 to 6 mm across the throat of the President. The wound was bubbling, indicating that air was escaping from the hole...Doctor Crenshaw could not estimate the length of the incision performed by Dr. Perry, but indicated that it was less than the width of the flange on the tracheal tube which is less than one and three quarter inches across.

(D) Throat Wound (8/13/92): No mention in this interview.

(E) ABC 20/20 Interview (videotape) aired in April, 1992: In this interview, Dr. Crenshaw stated that the size of the tracheostomy wound in the so-called "stare of death" autopsy photos was double what he had observed at Parkland Hospital in November, 1963.

#### **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 describe the wound you observed in the President's throat?

-Would you please make a sketch of the appearance of the wound in the President's throat, and then make another sketch of the relative size of the tracheostomy in relation to both the throat wound and the rest of the neck?

-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 on November 22, 1963?