

PROPOSED QUESTIONS FOR JOSEPH E. HAGAN
(Final Revision)

(As of May 16, 1996)

I. DOCUMENTS:

A. Please provide any documents which you brought with you today in response to the subpoena.

B. Please explain written comments on document: "Body removed from metal shipping casket at USNH at Bethesda;" please describe casket body was removed from.

C. Was the casket you turned over to GSA on March 19, 1964 the same casket referred to in the worksheet from November 22-23, 1963? Was the casket turned over to GSA on March 19, 1964 the only one you saw on November 22-23, 1963, or was there another in the vicinity of the morgue prior to the arrival of the mahogany "marsellus 710" casket in which the President was buried?

II. ARRANGEMENTS/ARRIVAL AT MORGUE:

A. Who contacted Gawler's and requested that they perform embalming services on President Kennedy? At what time on November 22, 1963 was this tasking given?

B. Was the original intention to perform the embalming at Gawler's, or at Bethesda?

C. Who notified Gawler's of the change in venue? When?

D. When did the Gawler's team first arrive at Bethesda? Who was with you representing Gawler's?

E. How many caskets did you observe at U. S. Naval Hospital, Bethesda? Please describe each one in detail.

III. OBSERVATIONS AT MORGUE DURING AUTOPSY:

A. Condition of President's body: please describe what you saw as you arrived.

(1) Head wound(s); drawings requested in IV-D.-3.-.(c) and IV-D.-4. below.

(2) Thorax/Neck wound(s). Please draw approximate location(s) of thorax/neck wounds on a blank sheet of paper.

(3) Did you observe the brain at autopsy following removal? What damage did you observe?

B. Please describe any procedures you observed/discussions/conclusions of the 3 prosectors which you heard prior to the conclusion of the autopsy.

(1) Use of probes:

(a) Transit vs. non-transit;

(b) Locations where probes were used;

© Were probes photographed in the body?

(d) Did you observe the body X-Rayed while probes were in the body?

(2) Were the organs of the neck removed from President Kennedy's Body? If so, were they placed back in the body?

(3) Was the wound in the upper posterior thorax dissected or cut open?

(4) Please describe any and all bullet fragments or bullets which you saw removed from the President at the autopsy, and from where they came in the body.

(5) Photography:

(a) Were pictures still being taken when you arrived? Did they continue throughout the autopsy?

(b) How many cameras were in the room?

© How many photographers were in the room:

-At the same time?

-At different times?

(6) X-Rays:

(a) Did you see any X-Rays taken late in the autopsy (after you arrived), but prior to the start of embalming? If so, when? What portions of the body were X-Rayed?

(7) When did the autopsy end? Who declared it to be over?

(a) When did the two FBI agents leave?

(b) When did Surgeon General Kenney (a 3-star Admiral) leave? Rear Admiral Galloway? Captain Stover?

IV. OBSERVATIONS IN MORGUE DURING EMBALMING:

A. When did embalming begin?

B. Was there any photography taking place during embalming or reconstruction of the President's skull? If so, how many people were doing it? What type of camera was employed? How long did it go on?

C. Were there any X-Rays taken during or after embalming? During, or following, reconstruction of the President's skull?

D. Please describe in detail your efforts to reconstruct the President's skull;

(1) Were these efforts following embalming procedures?

(2) Which people participated in this effort?

(a) Gawler's personnel;

(b) Did any of the prosecutors help?

© Other Bethesda medical staff?

(3) Please describe procedures employed (i.e., plaster-of-paris, manipulation of bone fragments, use of rubber dam, sewing of scalp, etc.).

(a) Was wax used to plug any small wounds in the head? If so, where? How many locations? Was restorative art or makeup used? If so, please describe procedure and locations used.

(b) Did you notice a small entry wound anywhere in the rear of the skull? If so, where? Where was it in relation to the large cranial defect? (Please draw picture on Grant's Anatomy worksheet.)

© Please describe the total number of defects in the skull of any size, and their locations...AS THEY APPEARED PRIOR TO RECONSTRUCTION AND RESTORATIVE WORK BY GAWLER'S (Please draw picture on Grant's Anatomy worksheet.)

(4) Which areas of the President's skull were still incomplete following reconstructive efforts? (Please draw diagram on Grant's Anatomy worksheet...OF AREA STILL DEVOID OF BONE FOLLOWING RECONSTRUCTION.) In other words, describe (and draw) the location(s) of still-missing bone following the end of all your procedures.

(5) Did Gawler's staff prepare President Kennedy for an open-casket funeral? Could President Kennedy, as you last saw him, have had an open-casket viewing? Was the area of the skull which was still devoid of bone (where the rubber dam was placed) visible following the end of reconstruction, or was it hidden by a pillow or any part of the casket?

(6) When the Gawler's staff completed its work, was there any kind of wrapping or bandage placed on or around the President's head?

E. At what time did Gawler's conclude its work?

(1) Did you see the casket closed?

(2) Did you see the casket leave the morgue and placed in the Navy ambulance (or other vehicle)?

(3) Did you see the ambulance drive off with the casket inside, or did you leave the premises of Bethesda before the ambulance did?

F. Were you aware of any other morticians present? If so, whom and from where?

G. Were the 3 autopsy prosectors (and any other Navy or military personnel) present during

Gawler's work? If so, which persons? How many? During which parts of your work--which procedures? Did they make any comments or have any conversations which you can recall about the President's wounds?

V. Secrecy: Did Any Official of the U.S. Government (or anyone at all) swear you to secrecy regarding events at the autopsy? If so, whom? What reasons were given?