

Abstract on Bullet Fragments Removed From President Kennedy's Head at Autopsy

1. The Navy Autopsy Report and the Sibert-O'Neill FD-302 both agree about the number and dimensions of the fragments removed from President Kennedy's head at autopsy:

Number of fragments: 2

Dimensions: 7 mm X 2 mm, and 1 mm X 3 mm

2. Problems:

-Sibert and O'Neill signed a receipt for a missile removed by CDR Humes on 11/22/63;

-An FBI HQ memo dated 11/22/63 speaks of a bullet lodged behind the President's ear;

-Captain Osborne, USN (Chief of Surgery at Bethesda), and later Jerrol Custer (x-ray tech) have both spoken of a bullet which fell from either the President's wrappings, or from his back/neck area, at autopsy--if this really happened, it may have happened during initial examination and x-rays/photography, and it is unclear whether Sibert & O'Neill witnessed this early x-raying and photography or not;

-Dennis David (Bethesda Petty Officer who saw early casket entry-- brought in by sailors and civilians) told ARRB he personally typed a receipt for an agent named "Sibert" for "4 bullet fragments"

-Undertaker Tom Robinson told ARRB he handled a vial containing about 10 small fragments at the autopsy.

-Large fragment on A-P x-ray appears inconsistent with either fragment officially removed by prosecutors, based on autopsy report and FD-302.