

SAMPLE QUESTIONS FOR PARKLAND DOCTORS CONCERNING
MEDICAL RECORDS

I. **Medical Records** -- Of the four doctors you hope to interview in Dallas, only Drs Clark and McClelland prepared written statements about their treatment of President Kennedy. Dr. Clark told the Warren Commission that, other than the typed summary he prepared from the statements of the other doctors and the death certificate, his handwritten statement was the only medical record he prepared in the JFK case. Dr. McClelland was not asked about his statement. What follows are some sample questions that you might find helpful. Since this will not be a deposition, I have tried to avoid a lot of foundation questions. Feel free to pick and choose.

A. The "Statements of Medical Treatment"

1. Do you recall preparing a written report or summary of the treatment you provided President Kennedy? Is this that report (asked of Clark and McClelland)?
2. Do you recall when you wrote that report (probably a silly question since the reports all have the time noted on them, but we need to establish if they wrote earlier reports)?
3. Who told you to write the report (Price asked Clark to get the doctors to prepare the reports and for Clark to write a summary)?
4. Did you prepare any other written reports, notes or medical treatment statements?
(At this point you might want to show them [especially Dr. Clark] the Swinford report, which is in the Clark File).
5. Is it possible (or do you recall whether) you prepared *another* written summary before the one you prepared after 4PM and prior to the departure of the Presidential party?
6. Could any of the other doctors have prepared written reports *while* the President's body was still in the hospital?

B. The First Death Certificate (for Dr. Clark only)

1. Is this the Death Certificate you signed on behalf of President Kennedy (copy in the Clark file)?
2. Did you fill in the rest of the information on the form (or did a nurse)?
3. Can you remember if a copy was retained for hospital records?
4. Can you recall the circumstances surrounding the death certificate? (Two days after the assassination, Doris Nelson and Ulah McCoy prepared affidavits describing their involvement in the preparation of the death certificate. Perhaps Dr. Clark can shed some light on why they were required to do so.)
5. Did you personally hand the death certificate to Dr. Burkley? If not, do you recall who did?
6. If so, can you remember giving him any other medical records?