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AFFILIATION/ROLE IN 1963: Became an Assistant Professor of Urology at Southwestern Medical School in July, 1963--and for this reason was working & teaching at Parkland Hospital when President Kennedy was brought to Trauma Room One on November 22, 1963.

- -Assisted with placement of chest tubes.
- -Did not prepare handwritten statement.
- -Was deposed by Specter.

OBSERVATIONS/TESTIMONY ABOUT THE PRESIDENT:

- (1) Sworn testimony to Arlen Specter on March 24, 1964:
- (A) During the treatment of the President, he recalled that the following persons were present: Drs. Perry, Baxter, Jones, McClelland, Carrico, and Jenkins, Clark, and Akin. Different doctors came in at different times.
- (B) Helped Dr. Baxter assemble the tracheotomy tube, which Baxter then inserted into the tracheostomy wound created by Baxter and Perry.
- Perry noted a bubbling sensation in JFK's chest after insertion of the tube. As a result, chest tubes were inserted.
- (D) Cannot describe the neck wound because the tracheostomy had already been done by the time he arrived.
- (E) Head wound was "a large defect in the occiput...in the right occipital-parietal area...there was a large defect. There appeared to be bone loss and brain loss in the area." He also told Arlen Specter that he did not notice any holes below the occiput.
- (2) Commenting in writing to researcher Wallace Milam (4/14/80) on the large wound on the top and right side of the head in the Zapruder film: "The wound which you marked...I never saw and I don't think there was such a wound. I think that was simply an artifact of copying Zapruder's movie...The only wound I saw on President Kennedy's head was in the occipitoparietal area on the right side."
- (3) To Gerald Posner: "The only thing I would say is that over the last twenty-eight years, I now believe the head wound was more forward than I first placed it. More to the side than to the rear."
- (4) To Brad Parker (3/4/94): "...the wound, I still maintain, as occipitoparietal...at the time of the surgery itself, we could see a large hole in the occipitoparietal area...the outer portion of the occipital area and part of the parietal area of the skull. I have not changed my mind. The review of the

autopsy findings at the National Archives 25 years after the injury merely reinforces my statement which I gave the Warren Commission. I told them there was a 7 cm. (at least) hole in the occipitoparietal region."

- (5) To Harrison Livingstone: "I saw only the hole in his neck in front and the large hole in the occipitoparietal area, estimated about 7 cm., on the right side."
- (6) Has appeared in fimed interviews on <u>The Men Who Killed Kennedy</u> and in the 1988 <u>NOVA</u> episode.

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 on November 23, 1963?