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**ROLE DURING PRESIDENT'S AUTOPSY:** Was the junior of two Navy enlisted X-Ray technicians at the JFK autopsy; was actually a student in the X-Ray department at Bethesda Naval Hospital. He assisted Jerrol Custer in the taking and processing of X-Rays on 11/22/63.

See Master List for summary of interviews.

**INTERESTING LEADS/CONFLICTS WITH OFFICIAL RECORD:**

-HEAD WOUND: Flanagan's HSCA interview report describes the head wound as located in the right hemisphere in the occipital region. (Discrepancy: this seemingly conflicts with the autopsy photos showing the back of the head intact.) Reed told researcher Lifton in 1979 that the head wound was "more posterior than anterior," and that it was his opinion that the President was shot from the front. Reed told Lifton that he never saw a small entry wound in the rear of the head. Interestingly, in 1988 in an article in *RT Image* (quoted by researcher Livingstone), both Reed and Dr. Ebersole reverse earlier statements they had made to researchers, journalists and/or official bodies, and in discussing the Kennedy skull X-Rays both described the large head wound as above and forward of the right ear (thus describing what is seen in the right lateral X-Ray today). Why they both reversed their positions for this publication, in opposition to their uses of the terms "posterior" and "occipital" to describe the head wound in the past, is unknown.

-THE BODY WRAPPING CONTROVERSY: Flanagan's HSCA interview report says that when Reed first saw the body it was lying in a casket in a clear, plastic bag. (Discrepancy: this appears to conflict with Paul O'Connor's certainty that he first observed the President in a rubberized body bag which was zipped shut. However, Reed's statement may be corroboration of the fact that a translucent, rubberized mattress cover was placed underneath the President's head and shoulders at Parkland Hospital to protect the satin casket lining; Reed's exact wording here is not known, because the Flanagan interview was not recorded and he wrote only a summary of the interview, without using any direct quotation marks as Purdy sometimes did in his interview reports.)