

June 21, 1996

Interview Outline: Thomas Evan Robinson

- I. Introduction: JFK Act and ARRB Mandate
 - Audiotaping
 - HSCA January 12, 1977 Interview (the purpose of the ARRB interview is to clarify certain matters; we will cover all ground "from scratch," and will refer back to HSCA interview transcript at the conclusion of our interview if necessary)
- II. Timeline of Events November 22-23, 1963 (Who, What, When)
 - When and how first notified of your involvement in preparation of the President for Burial?
 - When and how did you go to Bethesda? When did you arrive?
 - When did you begin your work (embalming)?
 - When did cranial reconstruction begin?
 - When did you finish your work?
 - When did you depart from Bethesda? Before or after the President?
- III. Autopsy Observations
 - Describe scene upon arrival
 - Body's appearance
 - Head wound
 - Size/location of cranial defect
 - Brain (removed? present in morgue? condition?)
 - Tracheotomy
 - Back wound
 - Procedures observed

- Dissection
- Probes
- Bullet fragments (how many removed/sizes)
- Bone fragments brought into morgue (how many/when/by whom)

- Photography during autopsy
 - How many cameras?
 - How many photographers?
 - Continuous? When start? Stop?

- Diagram head defect as first seen at autopsy (and maximum extent as seen at autopsy) for ARRB

IV. Embalming

- Who did what?

- Describe procedure(s)

- Was there photography during the embalming?
 - If so, same people?

V. Reconstruction

- Who did what?
 - Did pathologists assist? Observe?

- Procedures for cranial reconstruction

- Was there missing bone and/or scalp? (Describe in detail)

- Describe location of missing bone and/or scalp
 - Where on cranium
 - Visible on body after placed in casket?

- Diagram appearance of remaining defect (missing bone and scalp) following conclusion of reconstructive work

-Photography

-Was there photography during or after reconstruction of cranium?

-Same photographers/cameras as during autopsy?

VI. Gawler's Documents

-Ask about times on "first call sheet" and other business document

VII. Concluding Remarks

-If necessary, ask specific questions about HSCA transcript and HSCA drawing, as well

-Closing remarks (if desired) by Mr. Robinson

-Travel Claim