

**Additions to Topic/Question Outline
for Depositions of
James W. Sibert and Francis X. O'Neill, Jr.
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- I. I will have the following **ORIGINAL documents and materials** for them to comment on/authenticate:
- MD 151 (FD 302 on Autopsy): Signed (initialed) mimeograph from stencil--the closest thing we have to an original for this document
 - MD 85 (HSCA Interview Summary of Sibert Interview with DRAWINGs of wounds)
 - MD 86 (HSCA Interview Summary of O'Neill Interview with DRAWINGs of wounds)
 - MD 159 (Boswell's modified face sheet--from 1977--shown to O'Neill during his 1978 interview, with which O'Neill disagreed.)
 - MD 176 (FBI Internal Memo from Belmont to Tolson dated 11/22/63 which mentions bullet lodged behind President's right ear)--available for study of marginalia (color of ink, etc.--pertains to who made entry "after 9:18 P.M.")
 - CE 843 (Fragments removed from JFK's cranium during autopsy--which Sibert and O'Neill have said they transported to FBI Laboratory)
- II. Regarding Specter's Memo to Rankin dated March 12, 1964 (MD 154): Specter says Sibert did not take any notes during autopsy--this is contradicted by both Sibert and O'Neill's statements and Affidavits to HSCA. Ask both men not only whether they took notes, but to comment on the accuracy of this passage in MD 154.
- III. Regarding MD 152: Why is there a detailed physical description of Jim Greer, but not of Kellerman or Behn?
- IV. MD 151 (302 on autopsy): On page 5, report reads that Humes was instructed the 10 cm X 6.5 cm large fragment of skull bone had been removed from the President's skull--ask each agent to comment on what this passage means. (This mirrors the wording used by Kellerman when he was under oath testifying before the Warren Commission--"this was removed"--thus increasing the likelihood that it is an exact quote of what was stated by someone in the

morgue on 11/22/63.) Who brought the bone into the morgue, and who made that statement? Why? etc.

- V. Were the President's clothes present in the morgue during the autopsy?
- VI. Was the chain-of-custody of the transfer of the head fragments to the FBI laboratory documented on 11/23/63? (Sibert told a researcher that the fragments were placed into a glass vial or bottle with a black top and that the agents initials were scratched into the top of the vial.) If the CE 843 fragments are in original container, Sibert and O'Neill should be asked to look for and verify markings.
- VII. Throat wound: did anyone probe it or inspect it in any way? Did you hear anyone tell any of the pathologists not to surgically lay open the back wound, or not to lay open the wound in the anterior throat?
- VIII. Large bone fragment brought into the autopsy: On page 109 of *Six Seconds in Dallas*, Thompson writes that Boswell told him that "one of its edges matched up with an edge of skull in place so that it was possible to locate this bone fragment at the very crown of the President's head on the midline." (To me, this implies that the suture seen in this fragment is saggital, and that the bone fragment was right parietal bone from the top-rear of the head. If correct, this is significant since there is external beveling--evidence of exit--on the convex outer surface of this fragment.) We should ask the FBI agents if they remember seeing the pathologists locate the bone fragment in the skull--because the fragment contains evidence of exit, its location is crucial. We may want to have the witnesses read the entry from Thompson's book. (Attached.)
- IX. The attached excerpt from *Best Evidence* provides a 1978 FBI explanation for how the FD-302 was created, and the FBI opinion that it was destroyed. Sibert and O'Neill should be asked if this account is true.