

COVER SHEET

Return (temporary) of Finck, from Vietnam to Washington, DC,
to examine at the Archives of the US, photos and x-ray films
from the autopsy of President Kennedy.

JAN 67

PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATION

On 17 Jan 67, while on duty in Vietnam as CO, 9th Med Lab, I received a phone call in Saigon from the Pers. Off, 44th Med Brig, that I had to spend 7 days in the Office of The Surgeon General (OTSG) in Washington.

On orders issued by HQ, US Army Vietnam, at the request of LTG Heaton, The Surgeon General, I left Saigon in a Boeing 707 on 19 Jan 67 at 1515 hrs and arrived at Travis AFB, CA, on 19 Jan at 1750 hrs after one stop at Yokota AB near Tokyo and one stop at Anchorage, AK. At Travis, an Army car took me to the San Francisco Airport, 70 miles away. I flew non-stop from SF to Dulles in a Douglas DC8, in 4-1/2 hours. I landed at Dulles on 20 Jan at 0540, 27 hours after the departure from Saigon. An Army car took me from Dulles to the Delano Hall BOQ at Walter Reed. I stopped by my house where I found a note from my wife who had returned from Belgium the night before.

On 20 Jan at 0900, I had an interview with LTG Heaton in his office, 18th St & Constitution Ave NW. He told me that I had to go to the Dept of Justice. I went to Justice, 9th & Pennsylvania Ave NW, where Barefoot Sanders expected me. He was Assistant Attorney General, Civil Division. He told me that I had to examine the photos taken at the autopsy of Kennedy and that I had never seen. A lawyer, Carl Eardley, with Justice for 35 years, was present. At 1700, I went to Bethesda National Naval Medical Center to meet CPT Humes, Chief of Lab and CDR J.T. Boswell, USN, Ret, pathologist at Suburban Hospital, Bethesda. We met in CPT Humes Office and went to dinner in Bethesda. At 1900 hours, 20 Jan, we went to the Archives of the US. Eardley was waiting for us. We met Dr Bahmer, Archivist of the US. We examined in his office the photos and x-rays of the Kennedy autopsy. I had seen the x-rays, not the photos. These were 8 x 10 color prints and 4 x 5 color positive transparencies, showing:

- Entry, back
- Entry, back of head (scalp)
- Exit, head (scalp)
- Exit, head (bone)

I saw no photos of bone of entry; I thought we had photographed the ~~inside~~ outside and inside of entry wound in skull.
There were 2 4x5 sheets of color film with no image.

We remained in the Archives until midnight, having prepared a statement comparing the illustrations with our autopsy report.

On 26 Jan 67 at 1700, we met at Suburban Hospital: Humes, Boswell, Eardley and myself. I objected to the fact that equivalents of our measurements in mm were given to the 3rd decimal in inches ! The two other prosecutors agreed that measurements to 1/100 inch were precise enough and that 1/1000 inch was unnecessary. The statement had been prepared by Justice Dept. We signed the statement. My conclusion is that the photos and x-rays of the autopsy of President Kennedy do not modify our conclusions stated in the autopsy report.

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I am scheduled to return to Vietnam tomorrow to finish my 12-month tour. These notes are not to be released. TYPED IN BRUSSELS on SUNDAY 26 FEB 78, FROM HAND-WRITTEN NOTES OF 1967.