

INVESTIGATION OF
THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

HEARINGS

Before the President's Commission
on the Assassination
of President Kennedy

PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 11130, an Executive order creating a Commission to ascertain, evaluate, and report upon the facts relating to the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy and the subsequent violent death of the man charged with the assassination and S.J. RES. 137, 88TH CONGRESS, a concurrent resolution conferring upon the Commission the power to administer oaths and affirmations, examine witnesses, receive evidence, and issue subpoenas

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ACTIVITIES OF PAT HUTTON

ON

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1963

I came back from lunch, and went to the O.B.-Gynecology section where I was working. At approximately 12:30 P.M., the triage nurse called us to bring a cart out to the entrance. We took said cart out the door, and it was then that I realized who was in the car.

Several people helped put the President on the cart, and we then proceeded to the Major Surgery Section of the Emergency Room to Trauma Room # 1. Mr. Kennedy was bleeding profusely from a wound on the back of his head, and was lying there unresponsive.

As soon as we reached the room, a doctor placed an endotracheal tube, and prepared for a tracheostomy. Within a few minutes, there were numerous doctors in the room starting I.V.'s, placing chest tubes and anesthesia with O₂. A doctor asked me to place a pressure dressing on the head wound. This was of no use, however, because of the massive opening on the back of the head.

Blood was pumped in along with the I.V.'s running. After a period of handing instruments and equipment to the doctors as needed, it was announced that the President had expired. We then removed the tubes and I.V.'s from him. Mrs. Kennedy came in with a priest, and last rites were performed. When Mrs. Kennedy left, we removed all of the equipment from the room, and I then left at the request of the supervisor to get a plastic cover to line the coffin. I returned with it, and Mr. Kennedy was placed in the coffin to await orders to move him by ambulance. After that, I stood outside the door with Mrs. Nelson until the body was removed. When the area was clear, another nurse and I went up to the dining room for coffee. We returned to the Emergency Room where I changed clothes, and left at approximately 4:00 P.M. for home.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1963

I arrived for work at 9:30 A.M., and was told that our names had been released, and to check with administration before talking with anyone.

I was not asked any questions by anyone, and spent an uneventful 8 hours on duty.

Patricia B. Hutton, R.N.

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CALL REPORT: PUBLIC



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The Players

Who called whom? Douglas Horne called Patricia Gustafson of Witnesses/Consultants

Description of the Call

Date: 03/17/97

Subject: Doug Horne Called Patricia Gustafson

Summary of the Call:

I confirmed that she had received our information package via FEDEX.

I gave this Parkland medical witness my very best pitch on the Review Board's mandate, and assured her of our neutrality and professionalism in regard to assassination-related medical issues.

Nevertheless, I was unable to persuade her to consent to an in-person tape-recorded interview with ARRB staff for future inclusion in the JFK collection.

She said she had thought long and hard over the years, as well as this weekend (following receipt of our information package), about whether or not she wanted to say anything more about the Kennedy assassination. She said that everything she said in her written statement prepared on November 22, 1963 (and she emphasized *everything*), which now appears as Price Exhibit No. 21, on page 216 of WH 21, stands as is, and is correct as far as she is concerned. She said she neither desires to, nor feels able to, contribute anything further to what she wrote on 11/22/63.

My best attempts to persuade her to allow us to test her recollections with the proper questions, and thereby clarify and enhance the record of her recollections, were of no avail. Under the circumstances, I ended the call as cordially as possible. Ms. Gustafson proved to be an interested citizen, and a good listener, but apparently had her mind made up prior to the telephone call that she did not want to be interviewed, and I regret that I was unable to move her from this position. END

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Separation Sheet

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CONTACT PROFILE



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Contact Description

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Title:

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FAX Number:

E-mail Address:

HSCA Letter Sent:

Additional Information

Formerly known as Patricia Hutton, she was present in Trauma Room One during President Kennedy's treatment. Her written statement appears on page 216 of Warren Commission volume 21. She was never interviewed, or called to testify, before either the Warren Commission or the HSCA.

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