



THE JFK ASSASSINATION SURVEY

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POTENTIAL RECIPIENTS

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NOTE: Many others deserve listing here, but my time (often in cancer clinics) and resources (no secretary) were limited. I have no further plans for this effort, so this survey is my gift to the public. Anyone is free to use it. The unsolicited comments were individually approved by each contributor for publication. ALSO: I cannot guarantee that all listed recipients here are still living.

T-Total potential survey recipients = 337
 X-Unable to contact = 59
 Z-Completed survey = 37 (including me)
 Y-Responded but did not complete survey = 35
 U-Unsolicited comments = 28

Responded but did not complete survey (Y) = 35

Completed survey (Z) = 37 (including me)

Possibly contacted (P) = 278 (83%)

Overall response rate = $(Y + Z) \div P > 26\%$

Completed survey = $Z \div P > 13\%$

Total number of boxes to be compiled = 1858

List of Recipients

Achenbach, Joel			Hamburg, Eric			Pearcy, Thomas	Z	U
Aguilar, Gary	Z		Hamer, John	X		Pease, Lisa		
Alcorn, Dan			Hamilton, Brad			Perry, Dave	X	
Allen, Mark			Hancock, Larry	Z		Pincus, Walter	X	
Alderton, Andrew	X		Handros, Libby			Policoff, Jerry		
Anonymous	Z		Hannity, Sean			Posner, Gerald		
Arlook, Ira			Hardway, Dan	Y		Purdy, Donald "Andy"		
Armstrong, John	Y		Hargrove, Jim	Z		Quinlan, Casey		
Artwohl, Robert			Harper, Billy	X		Rahn, Ken	X	
Aubry, Wade			Harper, Jack C.	X		Ratcliffe, David		
Backes, Joe			Harris, Jones			Rather, Dan	X	
Baden, Michael			Hartmann, Thom	X		Reitzes, Dave		
Baer, Robert			Harvey, Jay			Richards, James	X	
Baker, Judyth Vary	Z	U	Hay, Martin	Y	U	Rigby, Paul	X	
Baker, Russ	Y	U	Hayes, Chris			Riley, Joe	X	



Baldwin, Alec			Healey, David			Rivera, Geraldo		
Barber, Steve			Henretta, James			Rivera, Larry	Z	
Barbour, John	Y	U	Herrera, Ramon	Y		Roberts, Paul Craig		
Bartholomew, Richard	Y		Hewitt, Carol	X		Robertson, Randolph	Z	U
Beans, Ally			Hill, Clint			Rockefeller, Abby		
Belzer, Richard			Hoch, Paul			Rockwell, Lew		
Benson, Randy			Holland, Brent	Z		Rossi, Albert	Y	
Berkin, Carol			Holland, Max			Rusconi, Jane		
Blakey, Robert			Hooke, Richard	X		Russell, Dick		
Bleau, Paul	Z		Hornberger, Jacob	Z		Russo, Gus		
Blunt, Malcolm			Horne, Doug	Z	U	Sabato, Larry		
Bolden, Abraham			Hubert, John			Sadowski, Beverly	Z	
Boylen, David			Hughes-Wilson, John			Salandria, Vincent	Y	U
Bradford, Clint			Hunt, Howard Saint John			Salyer, Kenneth E.		
Bradford, Rex			Hut, Arjan			Samoluk, Thomas	X	
Brancato, Paul			Hyman, Mal			Savastano, Carmine		
Breed, Allen			Jackson, Gail Nix			Schaeffer, Roy	Y	
Brody, Brenda	X		Jaffe, Stephen	Z	U	Schieffer, Bob		
Brown, Walt			Janney, Peter			Schnapf, Larry	Y	
Brownlow, Mike			Jenkins, James			Schotz, Martin	Y	U
Burnham, Greg	Z	U	Johnston, James H.	X		Schrade, Paul	X	
Caddy, Douglas			Jones, Ronald C.			Scott, Peter Dale		
Campbell, Doug			Josephs, David	Z	U	Seaton, Paul		
Canal, John	X		Junkkarinen, Barbara	X		Shackelford, Martin	Z	
Carlson, Tucker			Kaiser, David	Y	U	Sharp, Leslie		
Caro, Robert			Kalb, Marvin			Sharrett, Christopher	Y	
Carrier, Al	X		Kamp, Bart			Shaw, Gary	Y	
Cassano, Frank			Keane, Barry	Z		Sheen, Martin		
Cassard, Phillippe	X		Kelin, John			Shenon, Philip		
Caufield, Jeffrey			Kelly, Bill			Shepherd, Lee	X	
Chesser, Michael	Z		Kennedy, David M.	X		Shermer, Michael	Y	U
Chomsky, Noam			Kennedy, Robert F., Jr.			Shores, Jessica		
Cimono, Dennis	X		Kent, Alan			Simkin, John		
Cinque, Ralph	Z	U	Kiel, Andrew	Z		Simpich, Bill	Y	U
Clark, Hubert			King, Stephen			Sklar, Zachary		
Clarke, Rob			Kirk, Paul, Jr.			Snyder, Art		
Clemente, Angela			Klein, Lawrence C.	X		Snyder, Jack		
Coe, John I.	X		Kowalsky, John	X		Spear, Stefanie		
Cohen, Jacob			Kreig, Andrew			Speer, Pat		
Cohen, Lizabeth			Krusch, Barry	X		Spitz, Werner		
Collins, Michael	X		Lardner, George, Jr.			Stockwell, John	X	
Conway, Debra			Larsen, Sandy			Stone, Oliver		
Coogan, Seamus	X		Law, William			Stone, Roger J		



Corn, David			Lawson, Winston	X	Storper, Dan		
Corsi, Jerome			Le Flem, Michael	Y	Sturdivan, Larry		
Kurtz, Michael			Lehrer, Jim		Summers, Anthony		
Costello, George A.	Z	U	Lesar, James	Y	U	Sunstein, Cass	
Coutrakon, George			Levy, Michael, DDS	X	Talbot, David		
Cox, Alex	X		Lifton, David	Y	Tanenbaum, Robert		
Cranor, Milicent			Lipscomb, Thomas	X	Tatro, Edgar	Y	
Croft, Karen			Lipsey, Richard		Thomas, Don		
Cummings, Peter			Litwin, Fred		Thomas, Evan		
Cunningham, Finnian	X		Loeb, Peter M.	X	Thomas, Ralph	X	
Dale, Alan			Lopez, Edwin		Thomas, Steve	Z	
Dallek, Robert	X		Lundberg, George		Thompson, Josiah		
Davidson, Chris	Z		Macdonald, Gavin	X	Tunheim, John R.		
Davis, Mike	X		McNeil, Robert		Turner, Nigel		
Davison, Jean			Maddow, Rachel		Twyman, Noel		
Davy, William	X		Madsen, Wayne		Ubelaker, Douglas		
DeBrosse, Jim	Y	U	Majewski, Steve		Unger, Robin		
De Lillo, Don			Mantik, David	Z	Valentino, Pat	X	
De May, Flip	Y		Marsh, Anthony	X	Vaughan, Todd		
Denton, David	Y		Marwell, David G.	X	Ventura, Jesse	X	
deValk, Mark	Z		Massegee, Beverly Oliver		Victor	Z	
DeVaney, Glenda	Y		McAdams, John		Von Pein, David		
DeSalles, Doug			McBride, Joseph		Wagenvoord, James		
DiEugenio, Jim	Y		McCarthy, Patrick		Wagner, Robert	Z	U
DiMaio, Vincent			McClellan, Barr	Y	Waldron, Lamar		
Doubhit, Matt			McElwain-Brown, Pamela		Walinsky, Adam		
Douglass, James			McEnery, Hy		Walko, Anna Marie Kuhns		
Drago, Charles	X		McKnight, Gerald		Weatherly, Darryl	X	
Dragoo, Phil	Y	U	McLaren, Colin	X	Weberman, A. J.	X	
Dugard, Martin			Mellen, Joan	Y	Wecht, Ben		
Dusek, Laurie	X		Menninger, Bonar		Wecht, Cyril	Z	
Edwards, Brian			Miller, Donald		Wexler, Stu		
Epstein, Edward J.			Mizzer, Douglas		Whitehead, Thom		
Ernest, Barry			Morley, Jefferson	Z	U	Wilkinson, Sydney	
Evans, Kathleen			Morningstar, Robert	Z	U	Willens, Howard	
Fagin, Stephen			Mowatt-Larssen, Rolf	Y	Williams, John Delane		
Fetzer, James			Moyers, Bill		Ira David Wood, III	X	
Fitzpatrick, John			Murr, Gary		James Woods (actor)		
Flammonde, Paris			Myers, Dale		Wrone, David		
Fonzi, Marie			Myers, Jack	X	Zahn, Leo		
Gahary, David			Myers, Scott	Z	Zaid, Mark		
Galbraith, James	X		Nalli, Nicholas		Zavada, Roland	Y	U
Gallop, Chris	Y		Nelson, Phillip	Z	U	Zelizer, Barbie	



Gibson, Donald	X		Newman, Bill			Zimmerman, Chad		
Gillon, Steven M.			Newman, John					
Glover, Toni (Dr.)			Nicholson, Tim	Y				
Goldstrich, Joe D.			Norwood, James					
Good, Max			Nurko, Michael	Z				
Goodwin, Doris Kearns			O'Brien, Dave	Z				
Gopnik, Adam	X		O'Reilly, Bill					
Graff, Henry F.			O'Sullivan, Shane					
Granberry, Michael			Ochelli, Charles	X				
Green, Joseph E.			Orr, John	Z				
Griffin, Burt			Osanic, Len	Y				
Groden, Robert			Oswald, Marina					
Grossman, Robert	Y	U*	Palamara, Vince	Z	U			
Gunn, T. Jeremy			Parenti, Michael	X				
Haag, Lucian			Parker, Greg R.	Y	U			
Haag, Michael			Patrick, S.T.					
Haapanen, Larry			Payette, Lance					

* (cited his two articles)



SURVEY QUESTIONS

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1. At Parkland Hospital (Dallas), did JFK have an occipital hole in his skull (about the size of a silver dollar, or perhaps larger)?
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3. Many Parkland doctors describe cerebellar tissue. Did they see this?
4. Both the official autopsy report and Boswell's sketches describe a skeletal hole extending into the occiput. Were the pathologists correct about this?
5. The autopsy photographs suggest that JFK's posterior head was intact. Aside from the arrow and caption (below), does this image honestly represent the back of JFK's head at the autopsy?

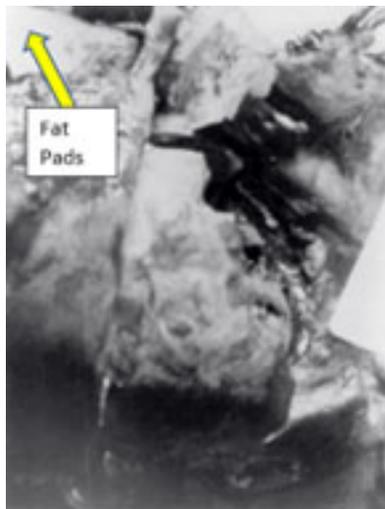


6. The "red spot" in the above photograph was chosen by the HSCA as the entrance wound. Does this "red spot" represent an authentic JFK wound?
7. Does stereo viewing of this photographic pair produce the expected 3D image?

8. JFK's shirt is shown below. Is this an authentic display of blood?



9. Robert Kirschner (forensic pathologist for the ARRB) identified fat pads in one corner of an autopsy photograph. Note that the fat pads in question are off the field of view on this public image. Was he correct?

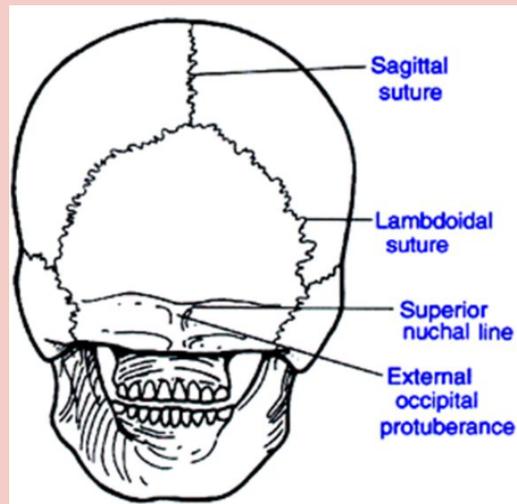


10. Was John Ebersole (the autopsy radiologist) correct when (after viewing the autopsy skull X-rays) he described seeing a "big" hole at the back of JFK's skull consistent with an occipital defect?

11. John Fitzpatrick (forensic radiologist for the ARRB) described the right frontal bone as essentially missing all the way forward to the hairline. On the other hand, Randy Robertson describes this bone as mostly intact. Is Robertson correct?

12. Drs. Aguilar, Chesser, and Mantik have each reported seeing many tiny metal fragments near the forehead (along the trail of metallic debris) on JFK's lateral skull X-ray at the Archives. Did they all make a mistake?

13. Based on the autopsy X-rays, are the medial right and left lambdoidal sutures missing on the posterior skull—essentially all the way to the midline (where they typically join one another)? See the image below.



14. Are any autopsy photographs missing?

15. Are the autopsy photographs at the Archives all originals—and unaltered?

16. Are the JFK brain photographs at the Archives truly those of JFK?

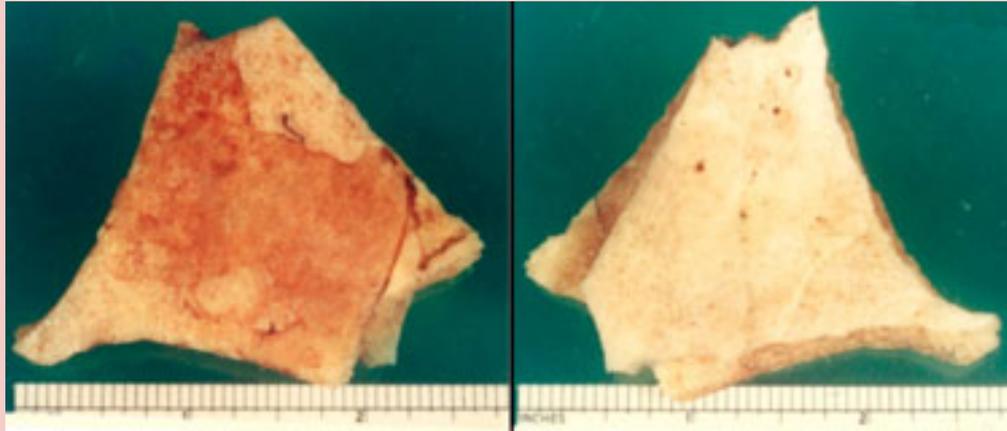
17. The autopsy report states JFK's brain weight as 1500 grams. Do you accept this?

18. Are these brain photographs consistent with the skull X-rays?

19. Are any skull X-rays missing?

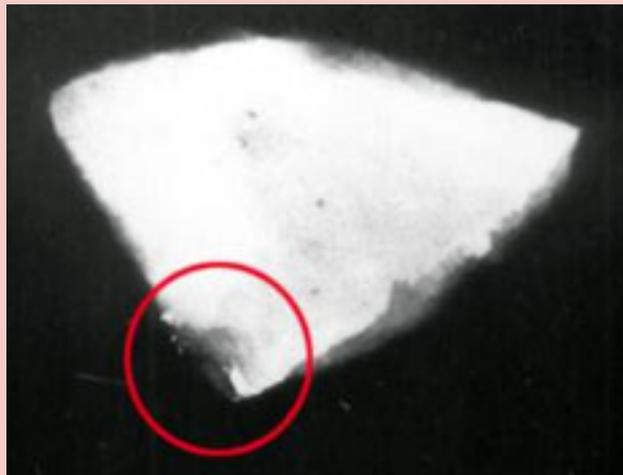
20. Are the autopsy skull X-rays all originals—and unaltered?

21. Lawrence Angel (forensic anthropologist for the HSCA) claimed that he saw a suture line on the Harper fragment (see below). Is there any authentic suture line on this fragment?

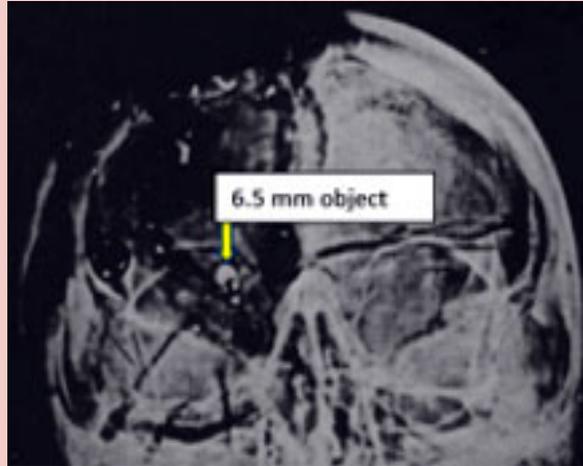


22. Three Dallas pathologists at Methodist Hospital held the Harper fragment and declared that it was from occipital bone. Were they all wrong?

23. Lawrence Angel concluded that the large triangular (aka “delta”) bone fragment was part of the frontal bone. (See the image below, where the red circle identifies metallic debris.) Was he correct about the frontal bone?



24. Randy Robertson claims that the 6.5 mm object (within JFK's right orbit on the anterior-posterior X-ray—see the image below) represents metal and that its image was present on the original X-ray during the autopsy. Is he correct?



25. Randy Robertson describes a frontal head shot as exiting high on the back of the head, while depositing the 6.5 mm object. Is he correct about this?
26. Larry Sturdivan (ballistic expert for the HSCA) claims that the 6.5 mm object cannot be an authentic piece of metal. Is he correct?
27. David Mantik claims that his optical density measurements of the 6.5 mm object are consistent with a photographic double exposure in the darkroom. Is he correct?
28. What part of the skull was the Harper fragment from?
29. Do you accept the Single Bullet Theory of the Warren Commission?
30. Do you accept some other Single Bullet Theory?
31. Were Drs. Jones, Crenshaw, and Carrico correct to describe a small wound above the knot in the necktie?
32. How many bullets struck JFK in the head?
33. Was JFK hit in the back by a projectile from the rear?
34. Was JFK hit in the back by a bullet from the rear?
35. Was JFK hit in the throat by a frontal projectile?
36. Was JFK hit in the throat by a frontal bullet?
37. Did the pathologists deliberately cover up some critical findings?
38. Did the pathologists overtly lie about some of their findings?

39. Is the Zapruder film in the Archives an unaltered original?

40. Is JFK's head snap in the Zapruder film a result of film alteration?

41. Dealey Plaza witnesses (and early viewers of the Zapruder film) report tissue debris flying to the rear. On the contrary, the extant Z-film shows the largest particles flying forward. Do you believe that these witnesses saw significant debris flying to the rear?

42. Fred Newcomb interviewed four Dealey Plaza motorcycle escorts; they describe actions (including a limousine stop) not seen in the extant Zapruder film. Were all these men mistaken?

43. Does the Dallas police Dictabelt contain authentic gunshots?

44. On the 50th anniversary, in November 2013, John Tunheim, former chairman of the Assassination Records Review Board (ARRB), told a staff writer at NBC News: "I look back to the hard evidence of the case, the real evidence, the evidence admissible in court, and all of that points to Oswald acting alone." Do you accept this?

45. On the above issues, would you classify yourself mostly as a layperson, or rather mostly as one of the cognoscenti?

46. Are the phrases "conspiracy theory" or "conspiracy theorist" useful in contemporary conversation?

47. The Oxford English Dictionary defines conspiracy theory: "...the theory that an event or phenomenon occurs as a result of a conspiracy between interested parties; spec. a belief that some covert but influential agency (typically political in motivation and oppressive in intent) is responsible for an unexplained event." Do you believe in any conspiracy theories?

48. Do you believe in any historical and/or contemporary conspiracies?

49. Are all your above answers logically consistent?

50. Would you like to be notified when this survey is published?



SUMMARY OF RESPONSES

December 5, 2019

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NOTE: VICTOR is a pseudonym adopted by one individual, who feared that his real name might adversely impact future job applications. ANONYMOUS was my blunder; I forgot to label the survey with the sender’s name when I opened the envelope. Also note that some respondents skipped questions.

Actual participants in Survey (37)			
Aguilar, Gary	Hancock, Larry	Morley, Jefferson	Robertson, Randolph
Anonymous	Hargrove, Jim	Morningstar, Robert	Sadowski, Beverly
Baker, Judyth Vary	Holland, Brent	Myers, Scott	Shackelford, Martin
Bleau, Paul	Hornberger, Jacob	Nelson, Phillip	Thomas, Steve
Burnham, Greg	Horne, Doug	Nurko, Michael	Victor
Chesser, Michael	Jaffe, Stephen	O'Brien, Dave	Wagner, Robert
Cinque, Ralph	Josephs, David	Orr, John	Wecht, Cyril
Costello, George A.	Keane, Barry	Palamara, Vince	
Davidson, Chris	Kiel, Andrew	Pearcy, Thomas	
deValk, Mark	Mantik, David	Rivera, Larry	

- Purple: dominant views—this ignores “I don’t know.”
- Red: second place—this ignores “I don’t know.”
- Black: “I don’t know.”



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Yes	J. Baker, Bleau, Burnham, Chesser, Cinque, Costello, Davidson, deValk, Hargrove, B. Holland, Horne, Hornberger, Josephs, Kiel, Mantik, Morningstar, S. Myers, Nelson, Palamara, L. Rivera, Sadowski, Shackelford, Victor, Wecht.
No	O'Brien, Orr, Percy, Robertson, S. Thomas, Wagner.
Probably yes	Aguilar, Hancock, Jaffe.
Probably not	Nurko.
I don't know	Anonymous, Keane, Morley.
No one knows	

2. At the Bethesda autopsy, did JFK have an occipital hole in his skull (about the size of a silver dollar, or perhaps larger)?	
Yes	Burnham, Chesser, Costello, deValk, Hancock, Hargrove, B. Holland, Hornberger, Horne, Josephs, Kiel, Mantik, Morningstar, S. Myers, Nurko, Palamara, Percy, L. Rivera, Shackelford, Victor, Wecht.
No	J. Baker, Bleau, Cinque, Davidson, Orr, Robertson, Wagner.
Probably yes	Aguilar, Jaffe, O'Brien, Sadowski, S. Thomas.
Probably not	Nelson.
I don't know	Anonymous, Keane, Morley.
No one knows	

3. Many Parkland doctors describe cerebellar tissue. Did they see this?	
Yes	J. Baker, Bleau, Burnham, Chesser, Cinque, Costello, Davidson, deValk, B. Holland, Hornberger, Horne, Josephs, Mantik, Morley, Morningstar, S. Myers, Nelson, Nurko, O'Brien, Palamara, Percy, L. Rivera, Shackelford, S. Thomas, Victor, Wecht.
No	
Probably yes	Aguilar, Hancock, Jaffe, Kiel, Orr, Sadowski.
Probably not	Robertson, Wagner.
I don't know	Anonymous, Hargrove, Keane.
No one knows	

4. Both the official autopsy report and Boswell's sketches describe a skeletal hole extending into the occiput. Were the pathologists correct about this?

Yes	Burnham, Chesser, deValk, Hancock, Hargrove, Hornberger, Horne, Josephs, Mantik, Morningstar, Percy, S. Myers, Palamara, Sadowski, Shackelford, Victor.
No	Orr, L. Rivera, Robertson, Wecht.
Probably yes	Aguilar, Nelson, O'Brien, Wagner.
Probably not	Bleau.
I don't know	Anonymous, Cinque, Davidson, B. Holland, Jaffe, Keane, Kiel, Morley, Nurko, S. Thomas.
No one knows	

5. The autopsy photographs suggest that JFK's posterior head was intact. Aside from the arrow and caption does this image (below) honestly represent the back of JFK's head at the autopsy?

Yes	Orr, Robertson, Wagner.
No	J. Baker, Bleau, Burnham, Chesser, Cinque, Costello, Davidson, deValk, Hancock, B. Holland, Hornberger, Horne, Josephs, Kiel, Mantik, Morningstar, S. Myers, Nelson, Nurko, O'Brien, Percy, L. Rivera, Sadowski, S. Thomas, Victor, Wecht.
Probably yes	
Probably not	Aguilar, Anonymous, Hargrove, Jaffe, Keane, Morley, Palamara, Shackelford.
I don't know	
No one knows	



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Probably yes	Wecht.
Probably not	Anonymous, Costello, Davidson, Hargrove, Josephs, Sadowski.
I don't know	Aguilar, Jaffe.
No one knows	

7. Does stereo viewing of this photographic pair produce the expected 3D image?

Yes	Robertson.
No	J. Baker, Burnham, Chesser, Cinque, deValk, Hancock, Horne, Josephs, Mantik, Morningstar, S. Myers, Palamara, Percy, L. Rivera, Sadowski, Shackelford.
Probably yes	
Probably not	Aguilar, Anonymous, Keane, Nelson, O'Brien, Victor.
I don't know	Bleau, Costello, Davidson, Hargrove, B. Holland, Hornberger, Jaffe, Kiel, Morley, Nurko, Orr, S. Thomas, Wagner, Wecht.
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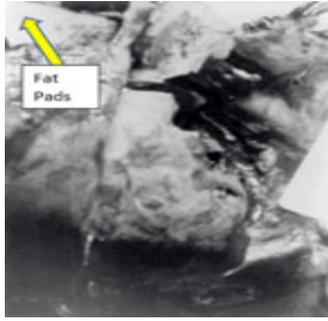
8. JFK's shirt is shown below. Is this an authentic display of blood?

Yes	Chesser, Davidson, Hancock, B. Holland, Horne, Josephs, Mantik, Morley, Morningstar, Orr, Palamara, L. Rivera, Robertson, Shackelford, Wagner.
No	Cinque.
Probably yes	Anonymous, J. Baker, Costello, Hargrove, Keane, Kiel, Nurko, O'Brien, Percy, Sadowski, Victor, Wecht.
Probably not	Nelson, S. Thomas.
I don't know	Aguilar, Bleau, Burnham, deValk, Hornberger, Jaffe, S. Myers.
No one knows	



9. Robert Kirschner (forensic pathologist for the ARRB) identified fat pads in one corner of an autopsy photograph. Note that the fat pads in question are off the field of view on this public image. Was he correct?

Yes	J. Baker, Chesser, deValk, Horne, Mantik, Robertson.
No	Morningstar.
Probably yes	Nurko, Palamara, Victor.
Probably not	
I don't know	Aguilar, Anonymous, Bleau, Burnham, Cinque, Costello, Davidson, Hancock, Hargrove, B. Holland, Hornberger, Jaffe, Josephs, Keane, Kiel, Morley, S. Myers, Nelson, O'Brien, Orr, Percy, L. Rivera, Sadowski, Shackelford, S. Thomas, Wagner, Wecht.
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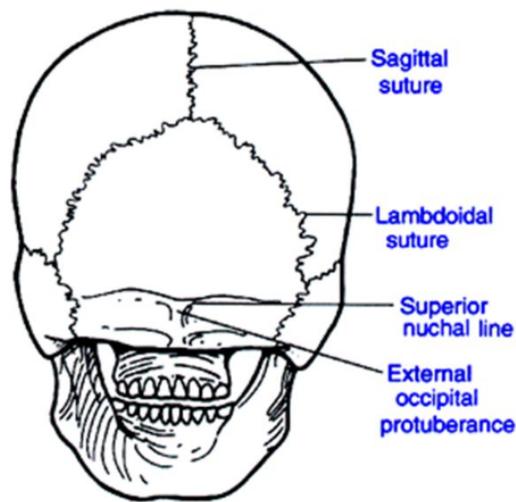
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No	Robertson, Palamara, Orr.
Probably yes	Aguilar, Anonymous, Costello, Davidson, Jaffe, Keane, Kiel, Nurko.
Probably not	
I don’t know	Morley.
No one knows	

11. John Fitzpatrick (forensic radiologist for the ARRB) described the right frontal bone as essentially missing all the way forward to the hairline. On the other hand, Randy Robertson describes this bone as mostly intact. Is Robertson correct?	
Yes	Bleau, Cinque, Josephs, O’Brien, Palamara, Robertson, Wecht.
No	J. Baker, Burnham, Chesser, deValk, Horne, Mantik, Morningstar, Nurko, L. Rivera.
Probably yes	Anonymous, Keane, Nelson, Shackelford, S. Thomas, Wagner.
Probably not	Aguilar, Costello, Jaffe.
I don’t know	Davidson, Hancock, Hargrove, B. Holland, Hornberger, Kiel, Morley, S. Myers, Orr, Percy, Sadowski, Victor.
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Probably yes	
Probably not	Aguilar, Anonymous, Costello, Hargrove, B. Holland, Keane, Kiel, O’Brien, Orr, Shackelford, Wagner.
I don’t know	Jaffe, Morley.
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13. Based on the autopsy X-rays, are the *medial* right and left lambdoidal sutures missing on the posterior skull—essentially all the way to the midline (where they typically join one another)? See the image below.

Yes	Chesser, Cinque, Hancock, Horne, Mantik, Morningstar, Victor.
No	L. Rivera, Robertson.
Probably yes	Palamara.
Probably not	Aguilar (sic).
I don't know	Aguilar (sic), Anonymous, Bleau, Burnham, Costello, Davidson, deValk, Hargrove, B. Holland, Hornberger, Jaffe, Keane, Kiel, S. Myers, Nelson, Nurko, O'Brien, Orr, Pearcy, Sadowski, Shackelford, S. Thomas, Wagner, Wecht.
No one knows	



14. Are any autopsy photographs missing?

Yes	J. Baker, Bleau, Burnham, Cinque, Costello, Davidson, deValk, Hornberger, Horne, Josephs, Kiel, Mantik, Morley, Morningstar, S. Myers, Nelson, Nurko, O'Brien, Palamara, Pearcy, L. Rivera, Sadowski, Shackelford, S. Thomas, Victor, Wecht.
No	Robertson.
Probably yes	Aguilar, Anonymous, Chesser, Hancock, B. Holland, Jaffe, Keane, Orr, Wagner.
Probably not	
I don't know	Hargrove.
No one knows	



15. Are the autopsy photographs at the Archives all originals—and unaltered?	
Yes	Robertson, Josephs (see his unsolicited response).
No	J. Baker, Bleau, Burnham, Chesser, Cinque, Davidson, deValk, Hancock, Hornberger, Horne, Kiel, Mantik, Morley, Morningstar, S. Myers, Nelson, Palamara, Percy, L. Rivera, Sadowski, S. Thomas, Victor.
Probably yes	B. Holland, Orr, Wagner.
Probably not	Anonymous, Hargrove, Jaffe, Keane, Nurko, O'Brien, Wecht.
I don't know	Aguilar, Costello, Shackelford.
No one knows	

16. Are the JFK brain photographs at the Archives truly those of JFK?	
Yes	B. Holland.
No	J. Baker, Bleau, Burnham, Chesser, Cinque, Costello, deValk, Hancock, Hornberger, Horne, Josephs, Mantik, Morningstar, S. Myers, Nelson, Palamara, Percy, L. Rivera, Sadowski, S. Thomas, Victor, Wecht.
Probably yes	Orr, Wagner.
Probably not	Aguilar, Kiel, Morley.
I don't know	Anonymous, Davidson, Hargrove, Jaffe, Keane, Nurko, O'Brien, Robertson, Shackelford.
No one knows	

17. The autopsy report states JFK's brain weight as 1500 grams. Do you accept this?	
Yes	
No	Anonymous, J. Baker, Bleau, Burnham, Chesser, Cinque, Costello, deValk, Hancock, Hornberger, Horne, Jaffe, Josephs, Keane, Mantik, Morningstar, S. Myers, Nelson, Palamara, Percy, L. Rivera, Robertson, Sadowski, Victor, Wagner, Wecht.
Probably yes	Nurko
Probably not	Aguilar, Kiel, Shackelford.
I don't know	Davidson, Hargrove, B. Holland, Morley, O'Brien, Orr, S. Thomas.
No one knows	

18. Are these brain photographs consistent with the skull X-rays?	
Yes	Robertson, Orr.
No	J. Baker, Burnham, Chesser, Cinque, Costello, deValk, Hancock, Hornberger, Horne, Josephs, Mantik, Morley, Morningstar, S. Myers, Nurko, O'Brien, Palamara, Percy, L. Rivera, S. Thomas, Victor, Wecht.
Probably yes	Shackelford.
Probably not	Aguilar, Kiel, Nelson, Sadowski.
I don't know	Anonymous, Bleau, Davidson, Hargrove, B. Holland, Jaffe, Keane, Wagner.
No one knows	

19. Are any skull X-rays missing?

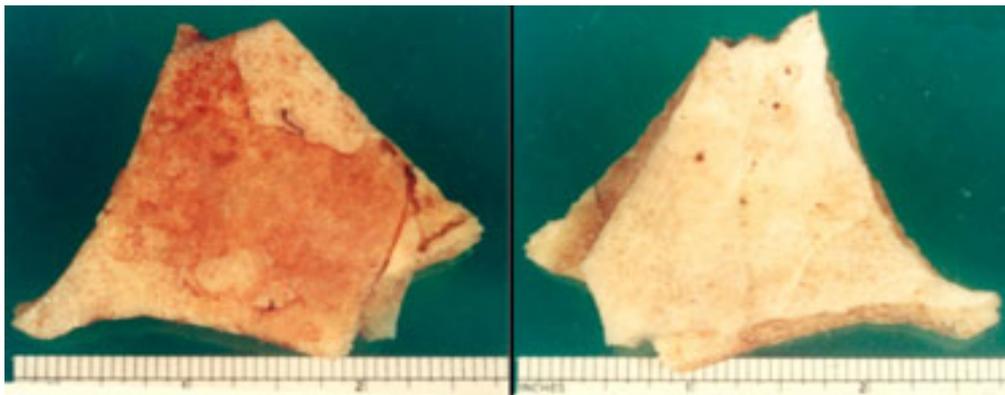
Yes	J. Baker, Bleau, Burnham, Chesser, Cinque, deValk, Hancock, Hornberger, Horne, Josephs, Mantik, Morningstar, S. Myers, Nelson, Nurko, Palamara, Percy, L. Rivera, Sadowski, S. Thomas, Victor.
No	Robertson.
Probably yes	Aguilar, Anonymous, Costello, Davidson, Keane, Kiel, Morley, O'Brien, Shackelford, Wecht.
Probably not	Orr.
I don't know	Hargrove, B. Holland, S. Jaffe, Wagner.
No one knows	

20. Are the autopsy skull X-rays all originals—and unaltered?

Yes	Hay, Robertson, Orr.
No	J. Baker, Bleau, Burnham, Chesser, Cinque, Davidson, deValk, Hancock, Hornberger, Horne, Josephs, Mantik, Morningstar, S. Myers, Nelson, Palamara, Percy, L. Rivera, Sadowski, S. Thomas, Victor.
Probably yes	Shackelford, Wagner.
Probably not	Anonymous, Costello, Hargrove, Jaffe, Keane, Kiel, Nurko, O'Brien, Wecht.
I don't know	Aguilar, Morley.
No one knows	

21. Lawrence Angel (forensic anthropologist for the HSCA) claimed that he saw a suture line on the Harper fragment (see below). Is there any authentic suture line on this fragment?

Yes	deValk, Robertson.
No	Burnham, Cinque, Horne, Josephs, Mantik, Morningstar, Palamara, L. Rivera.
Probably yes	
Probably not	J. Baker, Nurko, Sadowski.
I don't know	Aguilar, Anonymous, Bleau, Chesser, Costello, Davidson, Hancock, Hargrove, B. Holland, Hornberger, Jaffe, Keane, Kiel, Morley, S. Myers, Victor, Nelson, O'Brien, Orr, Percy, Shackelford, S. Thomas, Wagner, Wecht.
No one knows	



22. Three Dallas pathologists at Methodist Hospital held the Harper fragment and declared that it was from occipital bone. Were they all wrong?

Yes	Robertson.
No	J. Baker, Bleau, Burnham, Chesser, Cinque, deValk, Hancock, B. Holland, Hornberger, Horne, Josephs, Mantik, Morningstar, S. Myers, O'Brien, Palamara, Pearcy, L. Rivera, Sadowski, S. Thomas, Wecht.
Probably yes	Orr, Wagner.
Probably not	Anonymous, Davidson, Hargrove, Keane, Kiel, Nelson, Victor.
I don't know	Aguilar, Costello, Jaffe, Nurko, Shackelford
No one knows	

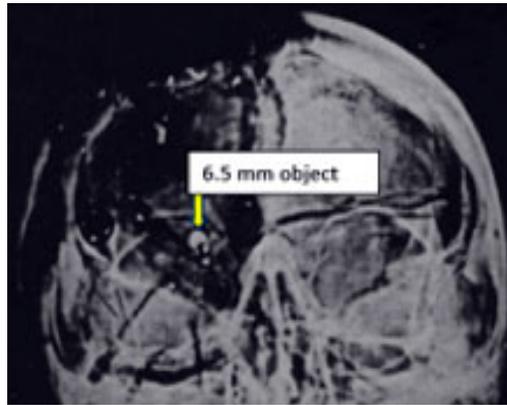
23. Lawrence Angel concluded that the large triangular (aka "delta") bone fragment was part of the frontal bone. (See the image below, where the red circle identifies metallic debris.) Was he correct about the frontal bone?

Yes	Mantik, Morningstar.
No	J. Baker, Bleau, Cinque, Hancock, Josephs, Palamara, L. Rivera, Robertson, Sadowski, Victor.
Probably yes	Davidson, Horne, Nelson, Wecht.
Probably not	Hargrove, Morley, O'Brien, Orr, Wagner.
I don't know	Aguilar, Anonymous, Burnham, Chesser, Costello, deValk, B. Holland, Jaffe, Keane, Kiel, S. Myers, Nurko, Pearcy, Shackelford, S. Thomas.
No one knows	



24. Randy Robertson claims that the 6.5 mm object (within JFK's right orbit on the anterior-posterior X-ray—see the image below) represents metal and that its image was present on the original X-ray during the autopsy. Is he correct?

Yes	Cinque, Orr, Robertson.
No	Burnham, Chesser, deValk, Horne, Josephs, Mantik, Morningstar, L. Rivera, Sadowski, Victor.
Probably yes	Anonymous, Bleau, Hancock, Keane, Nelson, Palamara, Shackelford, S. Thomas, Wagner.
Probably not	Nurko
I don't know	Aguilar, Costello, Davidson, Hargrove, B. Holland, Hornberger, Kiel, S. Myers, Jaffe, Morley, O'Brien, Pearcy, Wecht.
No one knows	



25. Randy Robertson describes a frontal head shot as *exiting* high on the back of the head, while depositing the 6.5 mm object. Is he correct about this?

Yes	Cinque, Robertson.
No	Aguilar, Burnham, Chesser, deValk, Hornberger, Horne, Josephs, Mantik, Morningstar, O'Brien, Orr, Palamara, L. Rivera, Victor, Wagner.
Probably yes	Anonymous, Bleau, Davidson, Hancock, Keane, Morley, Nelson, Nurko, Shackelford, S. Thomas, Wecht.
Probably not	Costello, Hargrove, Percy.
I don't know	B. Holland, Jaffe, Kiel, S. Myers, Sadowski.
No one knows	

26. Larry Sturdivan (ballistic expert for the HSCA) claims that the 6.5 mm object cannot be an authentic piece of metal. Is he correct?

Yes	Burnham, Chesser, deValk, Hornberger, Horne, Mantik, Morningstar, Nurko, Palamara, L. Rivera, Victor, Wagner.
No	Bleau, Cinque, Orr, Robertson, Wecht.
Probably yes	Aguilar, Costello, Josephs, Kiel, Percy.
Probably not	Anonymous, Davidson, Hancock, Keane, Nelson, Sadowski, Shackelford.
I don't know	Hargrove, B. Holland, Jaffe, S. Myers, Morley, O'Brien, S. Thomas.
No one knows	

27. David Mantik claims that his optical density measurements of the 6.5 mm object are consistent with a photographic double exposure in the darkroom. Is he correct?

Yes	J. Baker, Bleau, Burnham, Chesser, Cinque, deValk, Horne, Mantik, Morningstar, Palamara, Percy, L. Rivera, Sadowski, Victor.
No	Orr, Robertson.
Probably yes	Aguilar, Anonymous, Costello, Davidson, Hancock, Hargrove, B. Holland, Josephs, Keane, Kiel, S. Myers, Nelson, Nurko, O'Brien, S. Thomas, Wecht.
Probably not	
I don't know	Jaffe, Morley, Shackelford, Wagner.
No one knows	



28. What part of the skull was the Harper fragment from?

Frontal	
Occipital	Anonymous, J. Baker, Bleau, Burnham, Chesser, Cinque, Davidson, deValk, Hancock, Hargrove, B. Holland, Hornberger, Horne, Josephs, Keane, Mantik, S. Myers, Nelson, Nurko, O'Brien, Palamara, Percy, L. Rivera, Sadowski, Victor.
Parietal	Robertson, Wagner.
Other	Morningstar.
I don't know	Aguilar, Costello, Jaffe, Kiel, Morley, Orr, Shackelford, S. Thomas, Wecht.
No one knows	

29. Do you accept the Single Bullet Theory of the Warren Commission?

Yes	
No	Aguilar, Anonymous, J. Baker, Bleau, C. Bradford, Burnham, Chesser, Cinque, Costello, Davidson, deValk, Hancock, Hargrove, B. Holland, Hornberger, Horne, Jaffe, Josephs, Keane, Kiel, Mantik, Morley, Morningstar, S. Myers, Nelson, Nurko, O'Brien, Orr, Palamara, Percy, L. Rivera, Robertson, Sadowski, Shackelford, S. Thomas, Victor, Wagner, Wecht.
Probably yes	
Probably not	

30. Do you accept some other Single Bullet Theory?

Yes	Robertson [DM: So does Don Thomas.]
No	J. Baker, Bleau, C. Bradford, Burnham, Chesser, Cinque, Costello, Davidson, deValk, Hancock, Hargrove, B. Holland, Hornberger, Horne, Jaffe, Josephs, Kiel, Mantik, Morley, Morningstar, S. Myers, Nelson, Nurko, O'Brien, Orr, Palamara, Percy, L. Rivera, Sadowski, Shackelford, S. Thomas, Victor, Wagner, Wecht.
Probably yes	
Probably not	Aguilar, Anonymous, Keane.

31. Were Drs. Jones, Crenshaw, and Carrico correct to describe a small wound *above* the knot in the necktie?

Yes	J. Baker, Bleau, Burnham, Cinque, Costello, deValk, Hargrove, B. Holland, Hornberger, Horne, Jaffe, Josephs, Kiel, Mantik, Morningstar, S. Myers, Nelson, Nurko, O'Brien, Orr, Palamara, L. Rivera, Sadowski, Shackelford, S. Thomas, Victor, Wagner, Wecht.
No	Davidson, Percy, Robertson.
Probably yes	Anonymous, Hancock, Keane, Morley.
Probably not	
I don't know	Aguilar, Chesser.
No one knows	



32. How many bullets struck JFK in the head?	
Zero	
One	Hornberger, Kiel, Morley, O'Brien, Orr, Percy, Wagner.
Two	Aguilar, Cinque, Costello (or more), Davidson, Hancock, B. Holland, Nelson, Nurko, Palamara, L. Rivera, Robertson, Shackelford, S. Thomas, Victor, Wecht.
Three	J. Baker, Bleau, Chesser, deValk, Horne, Mantik, Morningstar, Sadowski.
Four or More	
I don't know	Anonymous, Burnham, Hargrove, Jaffe, Josephs, Keane, S. Myers.
No one knows	

33. Was JFK hit in the back by a <i>projectile</i> from the rear?	
Yes	Burnham, Cinque, Costello, deValk, B. Holland, Mantik, Morningstar, Palamara, Percy, O'Brien, Orr, Shackelford, S. Thomas, Wagner, Wecht.
No	Robertson
Probably yes	Aguilar, Anonymous, Bleau, Chesser, Hargrove, Jaffe, Josephs, Keane, Kiel, Nurko, Sadowski, Victor.
Probably not	J. Baker, Davidson.
I don't know	Horne, Hancock, S. Myers, Morley, Nelson, L. Rivera.
No one knows	

34. Was JFK hit in the back by a <i>bullet</i> from the rear?	
Yes	Davidson, deValk, Hancock, B. Holland, Horne, Morley, Morningstar, Nurko, O'Brien, Orr, Palamara, Percy, L. Rivera, Robertson, Shackelford, S. Thomas, Wagner, Wecht.
No	Mantik.
Probably yes	Aguilar, Anonymous, J. Baker, Bleau, Chesser, Costello, Hornberger, Jaffe, Josephs, Keane, Kiel, Sadowski.
Probably not	Burnham, Nelson, Victor.
I don't know	Cinque, Hargrove, S. Myers.
No one knows	

35. Was JFK hit in the throat by a frontal <i>projectile</i> ?	
Yes	Chesser, Cinque, deValk, Hargrove, B. Holland, Hornberger, Josephs, Kiel, Mantik, S. Myers, Nurko, Percy, S. Thomas.
No	Anonymous, Morningstar, Orr, Palamara, Robertson, Sadowski, Wagner, Wecht.
Probably yes	Bleau, Burnham, Costello, Jaffe, Keane, Nelson, Shackelford, Victor.
Probably not	Aguilar, J. Baker, Davidson, O'Brien.
I don't know	Hancock, Horne, Morley, L. Rivera.
No one knows	



36. Was JFK hit in the throat by a frontal <i>bullet</i> ?	
Yes	Anonymous, Chesser, deValk, Hargrove, Hornberger, Horne, Kiel, Morley, Morningstar, Nurko, Palamara, Percy, L. Rivera, Sadowski, S. Thomas.
No	Hay, Mantik, Orr, Robertson, Wagner, Wecht.
Probably yes	J. Baker, Bleau, Davidson, B. Holland, Jaffe, Josephs, S. Myers, Shackelford.
Probably not	Aguilar, Burnham, Keane, O'Brien, Victor.
I don't know	Cinque, Costello, Hancock, Nelson.
No one knows	

37. Did the pathologists deliberately cover up some critical findings?	
Yes	Anonymous, J. Baker, Bleau, Burnham, Chesser Cinque, Costello, deValk, Hancock, B. Holland, Hornberger, Horne, Josephs, Keane, Nelson, Mantik, Morley, Morningstar, O'Brien, Orr, Palamara, Percy, L. Rivera, Robertson, Sadowski, Shackelford, S. Thomas, Victor, Wecht.
No	
Probably yes	Aguilar, Davidson, Hargrove, Jaffe, Kiel, S. Myers, Nurko, Wagner.
Probably not	
I don't know	
No one knows	

38. Did the pathologists overtly lie about some of their findings?	
Yes	Anonymous, J. Baker, Bleau, Burnham, Chesser, Costello, deValk, Hancock, B. Holland, Hornberger, Horne, Josephs, Keane, Mantik, Morningstar, Nurko, Palamara, Percy, L. Rivera, Robertson, Sadowski, Shackelford, S. Thomas, Victor, Wecht.
No	Orr.
Probably yes	Aguilar, Cinque, Davidson, Hargrove, Kiel, Morley, S. Myers, Nelson, O'Brien, Wagner.
Probably not	
I don't know	Jaffe.
No one knows	

39. Is the Zapruder film in the Archives an unaltered original?	
Yes	C. Bradford, Hay, B. Holland, Morley, Orr, Robertson, Shackelford.
No	J. Baker, Burnham, Chesser, Cinque, Davidson, deValk, Hornberger, Horne, Josephs, Kiel, Mantik, Morningstar, S. Myers, Nelson, Nurko, Palamara, Percy, L. Rivera, Sadowski, S. Thomas, Victor.
Probably yes	Bleau, O'Brien, Wagner.
Probably not	Anonymous, Hancock, Hargrove, Keane, Wecht.
I don't know	Aguilar, Costello, Jaffe.
No one knows	

40. Is JFK's head snap in the Zapruder film a result of film alteration?	
Yes	Burnham, Davidson, Hornberger, Horne, Josephs, Mantik, Morningstar.
No	C. Bradford, Chesser, deValk, B. Holland, Morley, Palamara, O'Brien, Orr, Nurko, Percy, Robertson, Shackelford.
Probably yes	J. Baker, Kiel, Nelson, Sadowski, Victor
Probably not	Aguilar, Anonymous, Bleau, Costello, Hargrove, Keane, S. Thomas, Wagner, Wecht.
I don't know	Cinque, Hancock.
No one knows	S. Myers.

41. Dealey Plaza witnesses (and early viewers of the Zapruder film) report tissue debris flying to the rear. On the contrary, the extant Z-film shows the largest particles flying forward. Do you believe that these witnesses saw significant debris flying to the rear?	
Yes	J. Baker, Bleau, Burnham, Chesser, Cinque, Costello, Davidson, deValk, Hancock, Horne, Jaffe, Josephs, Kiel, Mantik, Morley, Morningstar, S. Myers, Nurko, Orr, Palamara, Percy, L. Rivera, Robertson, Sadowski, S. Thomas, Victor, Wecht.
No	B. Holland, Hornberger, Shackelford.
Probably yes	Anonymous, Hargrove, Nelson, O'Brien, Wagner.
Probably not	Keane.
I don't know	Aguilar
No one knows	

42. Fred Newcomb interviewed four Dealey Plaza motorcycle escorts; they describe actions (including a limousine stop) not seen in the extant Zapruder film. Were all these men mistaken?	
Yes	C. Bradford, Orr, Robertson, Shackelford,
No	J. Baker, Burnham, Chesser, Cinque, deValk, B. Holland, Hornberger, Horne, Jaffe, Josephs, Kiel, Mantik, Morningstar, S. Myers, Nelson, Nurko, Palamara, L. Rivera, Sadowski, S. Thomas, Victor.
Probably yes	Bleau, Hancock, Morley, O'Brien, Percy, Wagner.
Probably not	Anonymous, Costello, Davidson, Hargrove, Keane.
I don't know	Aguilar, Wecht.
No one knows	

43. Does the Dallas police Dictabelt contain authentic gunshots?	
Yes	J. Baker, Bleau, Costello, Hay, Horne, Morningstar, Nurko, Robertson, Shackelford.
No	Mantik, Orr, Palamara, L. Rivera, Victor.
Probably yes	Aguilar, Davidson, deValk, Jaffe, Josephs, Kiel, Nelson, O'Brien, Percy, Sadowski.
Probably not	S. Myers, S. Thomas, Wagner.
I don't know	Anonymous, Burnham, Chesser, Cinque, Hancock, Hargrove, B. Holland, Hornberger, Keane.



44. On the 50th anniversary, in November 2013, John Tunheim, former chairman of the Assassination Records Review Board (ARRB), told a staff writer at NBC News: "I look back to the hard evidence of the case, the real evidence, the evidence admissible in court, and all of that points to Oswald acting alone." Do you accept this?

Yes	Nurko.
No	Aguilar, J. Baker, Bleau, Burnham, Chesser, Cinque, Costello, Davidson, deValk, Hancock, Hargrove, B. Holland, Hornberger, Horne, Jaffe, Josephs, Kiel, Mantik, Morley, Morningstar, S. Myers, Nelson, O'Brien, Orr, Palamara, Percy, L. Rivera, Robertson, Sadowski, Shackelford, S. Thomas, Victor, Wecht.
Probably yes	Wagner.
Probably not	Anonymous, Keane.
I don't know	

45. On the above issues, would you classify yourself *mostly* as a layperson, or rather mostly as one of the cognoscenti?

Layperson	Anonymous, Costello (medical), Davidson, Hargrove, Hornberger, Jaffe (sic), Keane, Nurko, Percy, S. Thomas, Victor, Wagner.
One of the Cognoscenti	Aguilar, J. Baker, Burnham, Bleau, Chesser, Cinque, Costello (general knowledge), deValk, Hancock, B. Holland, Horne, Jaffe (sic), Josephs, Kiel, Mantik, Morley, Morningstar, S. Myers, Nelson, O'Brien, Orr, Palamara, L. Rivera, Robertson, Sadowski, Shackelford, Wecht.

46. Are the phrases "conspiracy theory" or "conspiracy theorist" useful in contemporary conversation?

Yes	C. Bradford, deValk, B. Holland, Morley, Morningstar, Orr, Robertson.
No	Aguilar, J. Baker, Bleau, Chesser, Cinque, Costello, Hancock, Hornberger, Horne, Jaffe, Josephs, Mantik, S. Myers, Nurko, Palamara, Parker, L. Rivera, Sadowski, Shackelford, S. Thomas, Victor, Wecht.
Probably yes	
Probably not	Anonymous, Burnham, Davidson, Hargrove, Keane, Nelson, Percy, Wagner.

47. The Oxford English Dictionary defines conspiracy theory: "...the theory that an event or phenomenon occurs as a result of a conspiracy between interested parties; spec. a belief that some covert but influential agency (typically political in motivation and oppressive in intent) is responsible for an unexplained event." Do you believe in any conspiracy theories?

Yes, one or a few	Bleau, Chesser, Davidson, Hancock, Hargrove, B. Holland, Horne, Jaffe, Morley, O'Brien, Orr, Palamara, Parker, Percy, Robertson, Sadowski, Shackelford, S. Thomas, Wagner.
Yes, more than a few	Anonymous, J. Baker, Cinque, deValk, Hornberger, Keane, Kiel, Mantik, Morningstar, Nelson, Victor, Wecht.
Yes many	Aguilar, Josephs, S. Myers.
No	Burnham, Costello, Nurko, L. Rivera.
I don't know	



48. Do you believe in any historical and/or contemporary conspiracies?

Yes, one or a few	Chesser, Davidson, Hargrove, B. Holland, Horne, Jaffe, Morley, Nurko, O'Brien, Palamara, Parker, Percy, Robertson, Sadowski, Shackelford, S. Thomas, Victor.
Yes, more than a few	J. Baker, Bleau, Cinque, deValk, Hancock, Hornberger, Kiel, Morningstar, Nelson, Orr, L. Rivera, Wecht.
Yes many	Aguilar, Burnham, Costello, Josephs, Mantik, S. Myers.
No	
I don't know	Wagner.

49. Are all your above answers logically consistent?

Yes	J. Baker, C. Bradford, Burnham, Chesser, Cinque, deValk, B. Holland, Hornberger, Jaffe, Josephs, Kiel, Mantik, Morley, Morningstar, S. Myers, Orr, Palamara, Parker, L. Rivera, Robertson.
No	
Probably yes	Aguilar, Anonymous, Bleau, Davidson, Hancock, Horne, Keane, Nelson, Nurko, O'Brien, Sadowski, Shackelford, Victor, Wagner, Wecht.
Probably not	Percy.
I don't know	Hargrove, S. Thomas.

50. Would you like to be notified when this survey is published?

Yes	Everyone (except for Parker, who did not indicate).
No	Robertson (but his e-mail to me said "Yes!").





SURVEY MATRIX

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NOTE: Participants had a final chance to edit or revise their responses to my 50 questions. The amendments to their initial responses are included here. Notice that all five responding physicians are located to the left of the vertical blue column.

SURVEY RESULTS	Aguilar	Chesser	Mantik	Robertson	Wecht	Anonymous	J. Baker	Burnham	Cinque	Costello	Davidson	Hancock	deValik	Hargrove	Holland	Hornberger	Horne	Jaffe	Josephs	Keane	Kiel	Morley	Morningstar	S. Myers	Nelson	Nurko	O'Brien	Orr	Palamara	Pearcy	L. Rivera	Sadowski	Shackelford	S. Thomas	Victor	Wagner			
1. Occipital hole at Parkland?																																							
2. Occipital hole at Bethesda?																																							
3. Cerebellar tissue seen at Parkland?																																							
4. Pathologists see occipital hole?	Y?	Y	Y	N	N	?	N?	Y	?	?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	?	Y	?	?	?	Y	Y	Y?	?	Y?	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	?	Y	?	Y	N		
5. Back of head authentic?																																							
6. Is 'red spot' a real wound?																																							
7. Stereo viewing yield 3D image?																																							
8. Is the shirt authentic?	?	Y	Y	Y	Y?	Y?	Y?	?	N	Y?	Y	?	Y	Y?	Y	?	Y	?	Y	Y?	Y	Y	Y	?	N?	Y?	Y?	Y	Y	Y?	Y	Y?	Y	Y?	N?	Y?	Y	Y	
9. Fat pads in corner of photo?																																							
10. Ebersole saw occipital hole on x-ray?																																							
11. Frontal bone intact?	N?	N	N	Y	Y	Y?	N	Y	N	Y	N?	?	N	?	?	?	?	N	N?	Y	Y?	?	?	N	?	Y?	N	Y	?	Y	?	N	?	Y?	Y?	?	Y	Y	
12. Metal fragments at forehead?																																							
13. Lambdoidal sutures missing?																																							
14. Autopsy photos missing?																																							
15. Autopsy photos original and unaltered?																																							
16. Brain photos of JFK?																																							
17. 1500 gram brain?																																							
18. Brain photos agree with X-rays?																																							
19. Missing skull x-rays?																																							
20. Skull X-rays unaltered?																																							
21. Suture line on Harper fragment?	?	?	N	Y	?	?	N?	?	N	N	?	Y	?	?	?	?	N	?	N	?	?	?	?	N	?	?	N?	?	?	N	?	N	N?	?	?	?	?	?	
22. Dallas pathologists mistaken about HF?																																							
23. Triangular fragment from frontal?	?	?	Y	N	Y?	?	N	N	?	N	?	Y?	?	N	N?	?	Y?	?	N	?	?	N?	Y	?	Y?	?	N?	N?	N	?	N	N	?	?	?	N	N?		
24. 6.5 mm fragment is authentic metal? *																																							
25. 6.5 mm fragment from frontal shot? *	N	N	N	Y	Y?	Y?	Y?	N	Y	N?	Y?	N	Y?	N?	?	N	N	?	N	Y?	?	Y?	?	N	?	Y?	Y?	N	N	N?	N	?	Y?	Y?	N	Y?	N		
26. Sturdivan: 6.5 mm is not metal *																																							
27. 6.5 mm is X-ray double exposure? *																																							
28. Harper fragment from where?																																							



UNSOLICITED RESPONSES

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JUDYTH BAKER

some questions wish you'd have asked:

1. Do you believe the body of JFK was altered in any way, except for cosmetic reasons, before its burial?
2. Do you believe the "yellow curb" had a special meaning in Dealey Plaza, on Nov. 22?
3. Do you believe that the fingerprint identified as Mac Wallace's, on a box in the TSBD by fingerprint expert Nathan Darby, belongs to Wallace, as he said?
4. Do you believe that C.E. 399 (The Single Bullet) is the bullet that was found on the stretcher in Parkland Hospital?
5. Do you believe that the motorcade, as it progressed through Dealey Plaza, never stopped or slowed down?
6. Do you believe that more than 3 shots were fired in Dealey Plaza?

RUSS BAKER

David, very glad to see you are doing this – and getting interest from people representing different schools of thought regarding the JFK assassination. Like you, for my upcoming and yet unnamed book on the topic, I am consulting a broad range of sources, and keeping an open mind.

Best,
Russ Baker

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Author, [*Family of Secrets: The Bush Dynasty, America's Invisible Government and the Hidden History of the Last Fifty Years*](#)

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JOHN BARBOUR

David: this is a monumental but totally unnecessary undertaking.

Jim Garrison solved the case in 1967!!

It is all factually outlined in 'The American Media & The 2nd Assassination Of Pres. John F. Kennedy!'

It is a cold case at Justice.

All your questions would be answers and the killers revealed if half as much time was devoted to getting it opened..as is spent on useless repeating conferences and distracting but interesting trivia!!!

It is not complicated!!!!

But..good luck with your efforts.

John Barbiur

GREG BURNHAM

Hi David,

FYI: I am in a dilemma about question #47 [DM: Do you believe in any conspiracy theories?]. I "object" to the form of the question. Ha ha. As stated, the answer is probably "Yes." However, I do not like the terminology, i.e., "believe in" or "conspiracy theories" in this context. I hear them as pejoratives. Having said that, I am certain that conspiracies exist and those involved in them are responsible for some yet to be explained "events." So it is not "my belief" as an act of faith. I do not believe in conspiracies any more than I "believe in" gravity. Conspiracies exist, much like gravity, as a matter of fact not faith.

Addendum: Regarding #47... To wit, the crime of conspiracy exists as a matter of federal law: U.S. Code § 371, among other statutes. If conspiracies don't exist, the passage of such laws would be absurd.

Greg



RALPH CINQUE

Dr. Mantik,

Thank you for including me in your survey. I am Ralph Cinque, founder and administrator of the Oswald Innocence Campaign. Although our central focus has been on the recognition of Oswald as the Doorway Man in the Altgens photo (and be aware that government investigations arguing for Lovelady were just as corrupt as the JFK medical issues you talk about) we are, of course, interested in all aspects of the JFK assassination.

I tried very hard to get the CAPA people to let me give a presentation on Oswald in the doorway at their upcoming conference, based mostly on the photographic evidence, but they wouldn't.

I know you're busy, so I am going to write very tersely. Dr. John Lattimer claimed that JFK exhibited a "Thorburn reaction" in the Zapruder film, but I located the turn of the century medical journal for which Dr. Thorburn wrote, and the patient he described had a completely crushed spinal cord at the level of C5, and he was completely paralyzed in all his somatic muscles from that level down. JFK, as you know, suffered no spinal cord damage, and he was not paralyzed. So, this was a completely bogus claim and outrageously wrong, neurologically speaking. I am a retired chiropractor.

And although I make no assumptions that you have time to study this, please be aware that a great deal of research has gone into establishing that Jack Ruby was not the Garage Shooter of Lee Harvey Oswald, and it starts with comparing Jack Ruby to the Garage Shooter, anatomically. I am just going to give you a link to my most recent write-up on it where you can view one collage which shows that Ruby had a narrower and longer neck and a very different hairline in back.

GEORGE A. COSTELLO

Thank you, David, I will read this with keen interest. Perhaps after reading and studying it I will wish to change some of my answers on your questionnaire!

George

On Friday, November 1, 2019, David Mantik <davidmantik@verizon.net> wrote:

George,

'The Robertson Hypothesis' is the article I referred to. It addresses most of the questions in the JFK Survey. It was just published (September 2019) after peer review:

<https://journals.ke-i.org/index.php/mra/article/view/1980/193545461>

You helped to trigger it (20+ years ago), and you appear in the acknowledgments.

-David Mantik



JIM DEBROSSE

David, I admire the work you're doing, but I don't feel competent to complete your survey. We'll never know the truth of the JFK assassination because 1) so much relevant information has been lost, destroyed, faked or twisted, and 2) pro-Israeli censorship makes it difficult, if not impossible, to examine the possible role of Mossad and Israel in the assassination without researchers being accused of anti-Semitism. Jim

PHIL DRAGOO

I never fail to cite your excellent study of the head wounds:

<https://www.amazon.com/John-Kennedys-Head-Wounds-Synthesis-ebook/dp/B012HAOK2E>

The trivia which obsesses the press today marks them as Mockingbirds.

The national security state removed 35.

Yet the winged monkeys become agitated over "tweets".

All the best to you in your pioneering research
Phil Dragoo
Billings, Montana

ROBERT GROSSMAN, MD

Dear Dr. Mantik,

Thanks for your letter. I am attaching two papers which you may have already read. I hope that they answer some of the questions in your survey. [DM: I will forward these on request.]

Best regards, Dr. Grossman

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From Gary Aguilar:

Hi David,

Here's our rebuttal piece (to Robert Grossman, et al.):

<https://academic.oup.com/neurosurgery/article-abstract/57/3/E601/2750372?redirectedFrom=fulltext>

MARTIN HAY

Hi Jim,

Please tell David that I wouldn't feel comfortable answering many of these questions without providing qualifying remarks. For example, the first question is "At Parkland Hospital (Dallas), did JFK have an occipital hole in his skull (about the size of a silver dollar, or perhaps larger)?" My answer to that would be that while I'm sure the Parkland doctors saw damage to the top rear of the skull; I don't think it extended as low down as the occiput. To my mind, ticking any of David's boxes wouldn't accurately reflect my opinion. I feel the same about several of those questions.

That being said I will happily state unequivocally that I don't believe a shot entered JFK's throat, I don't believe the Z film or X-rays were altered, and I have no doubts that the dictabelt contains the sounds of the assassination gunfire.

Feel free to pass my email address on to David in case he ever wants to talk directly.

Cheers,
Martin

DOUGLAS HORNE

It was a pleasure.

I suspect you and I will only disagree on two of my answers (i.e., the ones about projectiles vs. bullets). Those questions gave me considerable pause and I had to think a bit before answering. Other than that, I anticipate great congruence between our views.

Doug

STEPHEN JAFFE

Dr. Mantik,

I'm guessing from your note that you may know who I am. I've made films and documentaries and am working on a book that I hope will be ready next year. I wrote a series of articles recently. I was a forensic photo-analyst on the JFK evidence for DA Garrison and am, it appears, the last living member of his staff. I worked with Mark Lane for more than 50 years. My work on the photographic evidence had to do with CE133 A, B, C and I testified about them before the Rockefeller Comm. I also met (on assignment) with top people in the French government including the Secret Service Director for President De Gaulle. I also met briefly with De Gaulle.

However, I am not a forensic pathologist. I don't exactly know what you mean by cognoscenti which reveals something. My father was a radiologist and surgeon and a professor at USC Medical School. He was the director of Radiation Therapy at Cedars Sinai Hospital and the founder of the International Society of Nuclear Medicine.

If you still want my responses, such as they are, regarding your survey, I'd be happy to send them along.

Best,
Steve Jaffe

DAVID JOSEPHS

15. Are the **autopsy photographs** at the Archives all originals—and unaltered?

Yes No Probably yes Probably not I don't know No One knows

Hi Dr. M. {grin}

If we are talking just the photographs, I think we need to define our terms...

“Original” in our sense is that they depict exactly the image in front of the camera lens taken at the time.... That there was nothing done to the images/negatives...

I am NOT saying they weren't staged. That the subject of these images was put in poor photographic positions, the lighting was terrible, and the composition of the images atrocious.

But unlike the x-rays which couldn't be “STAGED” as easily as the photos, I see the manipulation of the subject in those images, as opposed to the negatives after-the-fact.

The x-rays, as you've repeated shown are ALTERED from what was originally on them.

But I am always willing to hear different POVs

DJ

DAVID KAISER

I decline to participate. The survey ignores what are in my opinion the most important issues in the case.

David Kaiser

JIM LESAR

Dear Dr. Mantik:

Thank you for sending me on October 4, 2019 a copy of the email you originally sent on September 9, 2019. In it you ask some 50 questions concerning certain issues generally, but not entirely, limited to certain issues regarding the autopsy and physical evidence in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. I have not had, and do not have, time to carefully consider the questions raised, much less to many other questions not raised which I consider relevant to the questions you have raised. I am under extreme time pressures due to a number of extremely important, complicated and lengthy lawsuits involving political assassinations and related issues. In addition, I have several serious health problems, including those which required me to recently undergo a pacemaker implant. As a result, I am very much impeded in my ability to continue working, and my wife and doctors have advised against it. Recently, I have discovered that my ability to view records in less than optimal size and contrast circumstances is 8 times worse than the 20/60-20./80 range I thought it was. This means it takes me hours to read or type what it takes others only minutes to do.

I commend you for your efforts to raise a number of important medical questions, but I am uncomfortable with the exclusion of, for example, the bearing of the alleged acoustical evidence that I think is clearly relevant to, if not necessarily dispositive of, such issues.

I note that your questions numbered 11 and 24 you have referred to the work of Dr. Randolph (Randy) Robertson, and in question No. 12 you refer to Dr. Gary Aguilar. Both are members of the AARC Board of Directors. I assume that you have sent your questions directly to them. As busy professionals, they have many reasons for not responding to lengthy surveys. I would urge you to contact them by telephone to see if they wish to respond to your questions.

The AARC has not taken a position on the issues you have raised. Its members are free to express opinions on the basis of their own conclusions about what the evidence shows or may show. When you report the results of your survey to CAPA or the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, please make this clear to them.

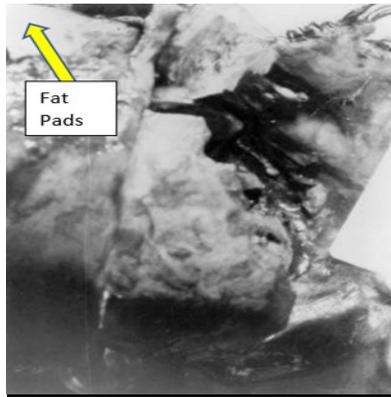
Jim Lesar, President, AARC

JEFF MORLEY

Here are my answers David.
Please let me know about the findings and I will write about it.
FYI

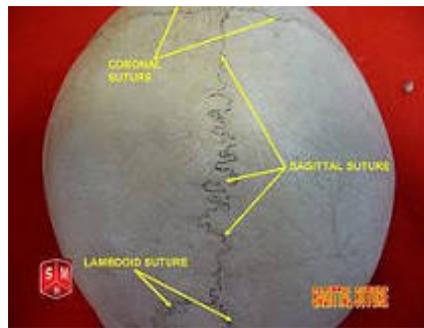
best,
Jeff

ROBERT MORNINGSTAR



M* Note: IMHO ...

This photo is an overhead view looking down into the cranium. The lower right corner of the “Fat Pads” **text box** is pointing at the badly fractured sagittal suture from above. The parietal and temporal bone have been removed and so we can see the brain pan, the base of the skull, which up close scrutiny reveals a defect right side, which could be the impact of the downward sloping “Kill Shot” at Z-313.



The **sagittal suture** is a dense, fibrous connective tissue joint between the two parietal bones of the skull. The term is derived from the Latin word sagittal, meaning arrow. In the JFK photo in question, we are looking down at the skull from above, from a POV <point of view> that was just **above and slightly behind the occiput**, and so this photo presents us with a vertical view of the back of the skull.

And, “Lo & Behold,” in 2008, when I enhanced the dark lower right portion of the photo, I discovered that we can see (from a high oblique angle) → The long lost, and long hidden “Large Defect” that was seen by the doctors and nurses at Parkland Trauma Room 1.

The lower right area of the photo appears to have been intentionally darkened to obfuscate that region of the skull. However, I am blessed me with eyes that can see “The *Black within* the Black.” That enhancement is in my archives, I’ll search for it and share it with you at a later date. It is a clean circular hole, a straight shoot though (from the front).

End of M* Note



PHIL NELSON

Dear Dr. Mantik,

I've attached the survey document and look forward to hearing the results from you. I must admit my surprise regarding some of the names you've listed as recipients and have marked those whom I doubt will respond, among them, Doris Kearns-Goodwin, Robert Dallek and Robert Caro, all of whom are invested as "deniers of conspiracy theories."

Speaking of Caro, you might find my [recent blog](#) -- about how far "out of the way" he went to ignore one of the most telling examples of LBJ's cunning and guile -- interesting.

All the best,
Phil Nelson

VINCE PALAMARA

I believe the limo SLOWED but did not come to a full STOP (it just gave the impression of stopping to some because it slowed down noticeably. my famous list demonstrates witnesses who said the limo either slowed or stopped but, again, I believe it just slowed- still a very significant matter). I am not a full-blooded Z-film alterationist, although I am open to frames being removed apart from the two well-known splices.

Vince (you may post this verbatim)

ADDENDUM: Hi David! Yes- I don't want to sound like someone who is talking out of both sides of his mouth, but maybe I am haha :) I shy away from the Z-film-is-altered issue, yet one can make the case that I am an "alterationist" because I am open to frame removal (only). Also, I collected a list of 60 or so witnesses who reported that the limo either slowed or stopped, yet I personally believe it "only" slowed...still very important. Vince

GREG R. PARKER

I abstain for the following reasons:

- I. Interest in the medical aspects of the case from those with medical backgrounds is completely understandable, and is in effect, no different to say, someone from Russia being interested in Oswald's stay in the Soviet Union, or a Holocaust denier looking for evidence against Israel and so on. We are all drawn to some extent, by our own preferences, areas of interest and personal bias. I have zero interest in this area because it is so tainted, so mired in mythology and half-truths and warped perceptions that I would rather step into quicksand than get into any sort of "debate" or discussion on the medical issues. The medical aspects have not moved the case forward an inch – but even if/when the case is solved some other way, the autopsy will still be a matter of debate in another 50 years. Again- no thanks. My own interest is in having the case reopened by proving Oswald had a valid alibi and was framed. That is an achievable goal *in my lifetime*.

- II. I note that you have on your list of recipients, Judyth Vary Baker and James Fetzer. I have a very large problem regarding their inclusion, insofar as they are frauds and hucksters of the worst kind. Including them, as CAPA seems determined to do at every turn, is lending them the legitimacy they crave. It is via such frauds that the media continues to tarnish us all. It is a matter of enormous frustration that CAPA fails to see this. You may as well have included Alex Jones and those delightful folks from 8Chan. They have opinion too, after all. In fact, since Dr Wecht claims he does not care if Judyth Baker slept with Oswald or not (as if that was the important issue), and that he does not look around to see who is beside him when fighting the enemy, he may as well invite Jones and a swag of 8chan regulars. Are any of you aware at all, of the regular fleecing of her flock she participates in? She is worse than a dozen Televangelists combined.
- III. You state that you also hope that, once the diversity of opinions is widely *known (even among Warren Commission critics)*, *that we can expect debates to become more civilized and empathic. In this present request, I am overtly seeking new suggestions, i.e., anything that might open up new vistas (or clarifications) for exploration. In other words, whatever can facilitate further enlightened conversation is most welcome.* As an Australian, it never ceases to amaze me that those in the US continually plead for civility in discussing this case because someone's feeling may get bruised. This from a land that has mass killings every other day. That's okay because, you know... gotta have guns. But call a provable liar a liar, and all hell breaks loose. When I have people trying to "educate" me about Two Oswald's and Two Marguerite's running around for over 10 years, when someone else is trying to tell me Jackie O was the assassin, and yet someone else claims JFK's body was switched, or that James Files was a shooter, or that Judyth Baker is the real deal, then in the words of Paul Hogan during his Oscar speech, my response is "*not going to be pretty*". Zero tolerance is absolute no-brainer. Yet you guys want to embrace everything.
- IV. This case, when looked at as any other unsolved murder where doubt is shed upon the guilt of the main suspect, can be prized open.
- a. Did the suspect have an alibi? YES
 - b. Is there any evidence supporting this alibi? YES
 - c. Are there signs that the police tried to obscure this alibi? YES
 - d. Is there solid evidence of the suspect being framed? YES
 - e. Is there solid evidence that the suspect was kept away from legal help? YES
 - f. Did the police and DA have a history of framing innocent people? YES
 - g. Are there signs of a false narrative being used to implicate the suspect? YES

In sum, I can produce a mountain of evidence for the above points. I do not need dueling "experts" in forensic medicine, ballistics, or endless debates on those topics, or film alteration, or to point fingers at my favorite bogeymen as the real guilty parties, because those are all no more than parlor games. I have a simple, clean and eminently provable case that Oswald was framed. Those who know me, know I can back up whatever I say.

So I would really like to know why CAPA not does get behind this approach, but instead persists in chasing ghosts across the knoll and beyond, all the while lifting the profile of those who are bigger enemies to history than the likes of McAdams et al will ever be – that being conspiracy gamers on the web and their erstwhile prophets.

Sincerely,
Greg R. Parker

THOMAS PEARCY

David: I 'struggle' with "conspiracy theory" because facts are only theoretical to those who do not know them. My own work in archives and repositories gave me the opportunity to see, with my own eyes, documents and artifacts that corroborate much of what has been dismissed as "theory."

Those who have suggested that someone would "have talked by now"... are wrong. Anyone who says that does not fully appreciate the government's indexing and archiving systems.

Do I believe that "some covert but influential agency (typically political in motivation and oppressive in intent) is responsible for an unexplained event." NO. I do not "believe" that.

I know it to be true.

Thanks for doing this David.

Thomas Percy

RANDY ROBERTSON

David,

I am sorry for the delay in responding. I will be sending my survey to you shortly but I did have a few comments about it which I would like to share which are my own and do not necessarily represent those of the AARC.

There are a series of questions that question the authenticity of the autopsy x-rays the main one being question #20 " Are the autopsy skull x-rays all original and unaltered?" I would suggest that anyone who does not say they believe in the authenticity of the x-rays on question #20 should have their answers to questions # 10,11,12,13,14,25,26,27,28 and 32 all changed to I don't know.

Similarly there is a series of questions concerning the authenticity of the autopsy photographs in question #5 "Does this image honestly represent the back of JFK's head at the autopsy?". If anyone answers anything but believing in their authenticity then their answers to questions # 6,7,9,18 and 32 should be all changed to I don't know.

As well there is a series of questions questioning the authenticity of the Zapruder film which is question #39 " Is the Zapruder film in the Archives an unaltered original?" Individuals not believing in its authenticity should have all their answers to questions 28,40,41 and 42 listed, again, as I don't know.

If someone truly believes that these materials have been altered than they must also accept the fact that no one will ever know what they originally looked like or the information they originally held.

In total the number of questions related to fakery are included in questions # 3-9, 15,16,18,20,24-27,31,39-42. That is nearly half the questions.



I have seen for some time researchers calling into question the authenticity of almost every piece of evidence, including in your survey even the shirt JFK was wearing when he was shot. Parenthetically, why would anyone even question its authenticity and what did they hope to accomplish by supposedly altering his shirt? Would they accept it as authentic if a DNA test proved it was JFK's blood?

What is lost on many, not only CAPA members, is that once you believe something is fake or has been altered then you cannot turn around in the next breath and start making conclusions from these supposedly tainted materials. You shouldn't and can't discuss cranial sutures, metallic particles or parts of the skull which may or may not be missing. It is obvious from this survey that this point has been lost. Of course then individuals can't continue their games of picking and choosing which parts of a particular piece of evidence they want to believe in which supports their particular theory and discarding other findings in this same piece of evidence which runs counter to their theory. It makes things quite difficult for these people when they call out anything and everything as fake and should logically have very little to intelligently discuss if the Zapruder film, autopsy x-rays and photos and JFK's shirt are all tainted. If someone truly believes they are fake they should draw absolutely no conclusions from these materials.

Particular questions have not been presented properly. In #26 Larry Sturdivan was only commenting about the inability of a 6.5 mm bullet entering high in the rear of the head to deposit the 6.5 mm fragment seen on both the anterior and lateral views. He was not commenting on a bullet's ability to deposit this metallic fragment if it had struck from the front.

In question #41 it is not just "debris" that is flying from JFK's head, it is skull fragments, namely the Harper and Weitzman fragments known to have been recovered from Dealey Plaza. These were traveling quite fast on the film as they were exploded from the front of the head which is why many eyewitnesses did not see them as opposed to those who saw the Delta fragment ejected from the top rear and sliding across the trunk in a much slower fashion so Jackie could retrieve it. This is why the three pathologists in question #22 are incorrect about the Harper fragment being occipital bone which is not surprising because they made their determination without having seen the post mortem skull x-rays or the "debris", Harper fragment, flying out into Dealey Plaza on the Zapruder film.

The questions concerning the single bullet theory are set up so one could claim that they didn't believe that JFK was shot in either the back or the neck.

Most disturbing is the question about Newcomb having interviewed motorcycle escorts who claim that the limousine came to a full stop in Dealey Plaza. Forgetting for the moment that none of the extant films, including the Zapruder film, show no such stop, I wonder why Newcomb didn't interview the drivers and passengers in the four followup cars who, by necessity, should have remembered stopping as well. Otherwise there would have been a chain reaction of collisions into the stopped limo. Such are the rabbit holes one descends into when one gives eyewitness testimony primacy over hard evidence, logic and critical thinking.

I would be interested in receiving a copy of the results of the survey as I anticipate it to be highly edifying and entertaining.

Randy



VINCENT SALANDRIA

Dear David,

Marty [Schotz] is stating a point of view which I have shared with him from the very beginning of the JFK assassination work. I entitled my book "False Mystery." In short Marty and I believe that the debate among "folks with widely disparate views" is a false debate in the service of the killers. The assassination of JFK, a coup which was perpetuated by our national security state to perpetuate the Cold War, we believe to have been proven beyond a reasonable doubt by Jim Douglass and David Talbot. The continuation of the false debate perpetuates confusion and consequently forestalls the Douglass and Talbot work from the coup from serving as a clear and unambiguous call for the citizenry to undertake the serious work of restoring the republic.

Courteously,

Vince

MARTY SCHOTZ

Dear David,

I will decline to be involved as I don't know what the disparate views can be. I think Jim Douglas and David Talbot have eliminated any mystery for people who don't have an investment in confusion and mystery.

Best wishes,
Martin Schotz

MICHAEL SHERMER

Hi David [Nov 10],

That's quite a coincidence (or is it?!) that you write as I am just about done with the JFK Unspeakable book. It's a good read, and filled with lots of political minutia, but in the end it is nothing more than an exercise in patternicity: the tendency to find meaningful patterns in random noise. Lots of connecting the dots where no plausible (in my opinion) connection can be made. There is no way to falsify the author's claims, and as far as I can tell no way the author would be willing to reinterpret events in a different theoretical framework.

The rub lies in counter examples. Why didn't the military industrial complex assassinate Eisenhower, given his turn away from militancy and the martial philosophy of so many of his Cold War hawks? Or Nixon? Or Ford? Or Carter? Or Reagan? All worked toward deescalation of tensions and war. Reagan famously hated the idea of nuclear weapons and almost cut a deal with Gorbachev in Iceland. In addition to patternicity, the author is engaged in hindsight bias: after the fact reasoning in which whatever happened "had to happen" that way, and it is easily to find a causal chain to explain it. But had JFK not been assassinated some other equally plausible causal chain would have been invented. So, sorry, but I remain solidly in the lone-assassin camp. Lee Harvey Oswald assassinated JFK by himself. An overwhelming amount of evidence points to that conclusion, whereas NO evidence points to anyone else being involved. If this were a murder trial of some unknown person instead of JFK, LHO would have been indicted in a matter of hours of jury deliberation and the trial wouldn't have lasted more than a few days.

Feel free to use the above and my earlier comments.

Michael



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Hi David,

I just looked at the survey questions. These are WAY beyond my competency and, I suspect, that of most people, even those reasonably well informed on the subject. Here is my lecture (1 of 12) for my new course for Audible/Amazon/Teaching Company...honestly, at this more macro level, I cannot imagine anyone could conclude that there was a conspiracy to assassinate JFK. But even so, I have yet to hear JFK conspiracists make any reasonable case whatsoever for some specific person other than Oswald. It's all speculation and conjecture and next to no evidence to indict anyone else.

Michael

Hi David,

I haven't read your work yet but just opened your review of Reclaiming History. I presume from this and the survey that you believe there was a conspiracy to assassinate JFK. I am curious to know who you think shot JFK and who was behind those assassins, if anyone was.

Michael

Hi David,

I just purchased the audio edition of Unspeakable. I will give it a fair hearing (literally and figuratively).

On the contrary, I'm only too happy to change my mind on the JFK assassination subject, if there were enough evidence to do so. In one of my lectures I recount the history of political assassinations, which are rampant throughout history, so it's not like it's a crazy claim. Not at all. I've appended that section from my lecture below.

So, again, who do you think was in on the conspiracy? And I don't mean some generic "they did it" or "the military industrial complex"; I mean who, exactly, by name, was involved, and what evidence do you have for that person or persons? Garrison thought he had it nailed, but the jury acquitted the accused in under an hour. The great Jerry Spence thought he could prove conspiracy against B, and failed miserably to prove anything.

Michael



BILL SIMPICH

David,

I appreciate your work very much. I looked at this three times and had to admit my opinion is not as informed as Gary Aguilar and others. I think it is better for me to hold off - I would have to join Peter [Scott] in a lot of I don't know's! Hope you and the family are doing well!

Bill

ROBERT WAGNER

Hello David,

Attached is my survey responses.

As you noted in your introduction, I'm sure you have received feedback concerning the difficulty of answering certain questions in a way that properly reflects one's views at face value. Count me in!

Here are examples:

I said NO to #2 but YES to #4. For me, the reconciling explanation is the effect of the skull falling apart as the scalp was reflected and picked apart upon removal of the brain. I think the Boswell 10x17 measurement and his sketch more or less depicts the skull *after* these maneuvers.

As to #6 (my YES): I no longer accept the HSCA cowlick entry location. But I do think the red spot location is misinterpreted on #42. E.g., see Junkkarinen (What's Wrong With These Pictures) and Riley (March 1993 The Third Decade). "Slightly" above the EOP (whatever "slightly" may be) is about the level of the top of the ears. In addition, the scalp is likely pulled forward of the underlying defect in the bone. I agree with Thomas on this one - there was purpose for taking this picture (as there was a purpose for the taking of all three specific wound Views - #4, #6 and #7) and for #6 (42) it was to document the red spot.

As to #9 - I said I don't know because I can't evaluate the fat pads. But I agree with you that F8 is taken from behind. (Again, see my response related to #2 and #4, as well as #6)

I said YES to #10 - but relate my reasoning, again, to what I said about #2 and #4 above.

I said PROBABLY YES to #24, but I do not agree with Robertson about the location on the rear of the skull. (This is why I answered NO to #25.)

#27 - I am intrigued by your analysis but do not have the skills to say anything independently.

I said PROBABLY YES to #41 because the explosion caused by the president's head was top, top-right and sent debris flying rearward and backward.

(I don't believe that you need to be convinced of a blast wound on the back of the head to also believe debris flew backwards.)

That is why it is hard to evaluate #49 meaningfully, although I know where you are going with this... I hope you get lots of responses because I do think it will be interesting.

And please let me be the first to know if Sean Hannity sends in a reply!

Thanks David - Bob Wagner

ROLAND ZAVADA

David,

I must refrain from participating and responding to your list of questions regarding details of the medical evidence directly related to the assassination of President Kennedy. As you are aware, I had a responsibility to support the Eastman Kodak Company's contribution to the ARRB and the National Archives in the review of the physical photographic evidence.

The results of my investigations are a part of the Public Record. Key issues pertained to certifying the film materials used for the autopsy; certifying that the movie film taken by Abraham Zapruder and retained by NARA is authentic; and, my detailed description of Zapruder's Bell & Howell 414 8mm camera developed to reinforce my conclusion that Zapruder's film is authentic.

There is no question that following the public disclosure of the Zapruder film content, there were challenges to the validity of my position. However, I believe that my expanded studies of the film and camera reconfirmed that the film held by the archives is authentic.

Sincerely,

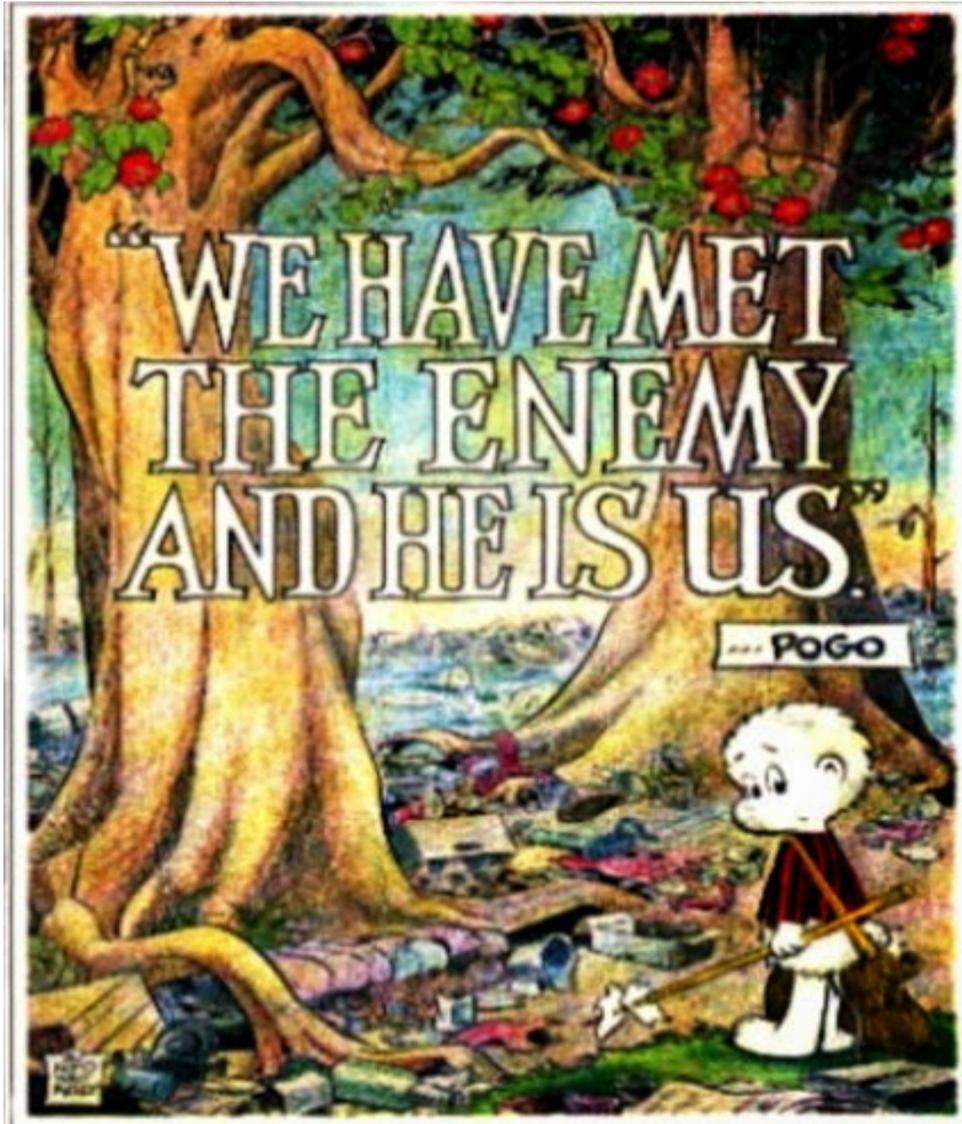
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SURVEY CONCLUSIONS

January 5, 2020

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“I’ve seen the enemy, and they are us.” --*Andy Winiarczyk*

“...wise men, on the whole, reject the people’s decrees.” --*Seneca*

NOTE: The motivation for the above cartoon and quotations will become evident during the following discussion. These survey results were first presented at the CAPA meeting in Dallas on November 22, 2019—during an abbreviated 22-minute lecture.



INTRODUCTION:

This introduction was initially used in soliciting responses to this survey. October 18, 2019

Dear Colleagues:

I have now received early responses to this JFK ASSASSINATION SURVEY, as a response to my initial e-mail of September 5-6, 2019. I have reviewed all of these responses—in detail. As a result, I have renewed empathy for the severe challenge that many of these questions pose, even for the (self-designated) cognoscenti. The replies, even among this group, have been quite diverse. So, there is even more reason for laypersons not to be frightened by this survey. No one is to be pilloried to the stocks!

This is not a random survey. The recipients were chosen because of their known views of the JFK assassination, or perhaps due to their public statements about conspiracy theories. This survey is an opportunity to publicize detailed opinions about this fundamental evidence. I also hope that, once the diversity of opinions is widely known (even among Warren Commission critics), that we can expect debates to become more civilized and empathic. It will be useful to see how these same critics view the medical evidence. In this present request, I am overtly seeking new suggestions, i.e., anything that might open new vistas (or clarifications) for exploration. In other words, whatever can facilitate further enlightened conversation is most welcome.

An updated list of recipients is attached. X identifies those with still-missing e-mail addresses. That data is welcome, and will not be shared. If necessary, these X's will be contacted by other means. Additional names may be added (just e-mail them to me) or forward the survey directly to them, but tell me who was added. My goal is to complete this task by early November.

The board of the Committee Against Political Assassinations (CAPA) has reviewed this survey. These results may be presented at their public meeting and/or in their newsletter. A public website, e.g., <http://themantikview.com/>, is another option. Jeff Morley has also just suggested that he would like to write about the results (at <https://jfkfacts.org/>).

Non-responders will be listed in the final report. However, some non-responders have already provided specific reasons for abstaining. Unless someone objects, these explanations will be included in the survey.

It may be useful to categorize responders (and non-responders, too), e.g., Media Figures, Medical Professionals, Forensic Experts, General Cognoscenti (but medical laypersons), Unmitigated Laypersons, etc. Suggestions are most welcome. In fact, I am especially interested in responses from medical laypersons. Such layperson responses will provide feedback on how well our JFK medical cognoscenti are doing their jobs. (I suspect not too well!)

David W. Mantik, MD, PhD



THE JFK ASSASSINATION SURVEY: A LIST OF FILES

- Potential Recipients: A list of all 337 potential recipients, with responders identified.
- Survey Questions: A complete list of the 50 questions.
- Summary of Responses: A complete list of the 50 questions and all the responses.
- Survey Matrix: A complete list of the 50 questions and all the responses, in matrix form.
- Unsolicited Responses: Many responders wished to add their unique comments, sometimes rather titillating. These are verbatim.
- Survey Conclusions (i.e., the present discussion): These are my comments, including selected questions that I consider most critical.

THE JFK SURVEY STATISTICS

Total potential survey recipients = 337

NOTE: Many more qualified persons should be on this list, but my time (while often in cancer clinics) and my resources (e.g., no secretary) were finite.

Unable to contact (X) = 59

Responded but did not complete survey (Y) = 35

Completed survey (Z) = 37 (including me)

Possibly contacted (P) = 278 (83%)

Completed Survey = $(Z) \div P > 13\%$

Overall Response Rate = $(Y+Z) \div P > 26\%$.

If no X, Y, or Z appears (in the list of potential recipients) there was no response.

Total number of reply boxes to be compiled = 1858.

TYPICAL SURVEY STATISTICS

Typical Survey Response Rates = 2 - 85%.

Internal surveys = 30 - 40%. (These are usually corporate surveys of employees.)

External Surveys = 10 - 15%.

Research has shown that surveys should take < 5 minutes to complete. Although 6–10 minutes is acceptable, 11+ minutes will likely result in lower response rates.

<https://www.surveygizmo.com/resources/blog/survey-response-rates/>

Therefore: *Given the complexity and length of this JFK Survey, the response rate was surprisingly high.* It was probably even higher, since I have likely overestimated the number contacted.

DISCLAIMERS:

1. This survey is not meant to represent Truth. Moreover, it was not a random survey.
2. The option of “No one knows” was not supported by this survey, so virtually everyone believes that the Truth is out there.
3. Nonetheless, this survey reveals only what is believed, not necessarily what is True.
4. But if you believe in democracy, and the merit of open elections, you may disagree with #3—and therefore claim that the Truth lies within this survey (as in the warden’s Bible in the *Shawshank Redemption*).
5. However, belief in democracy is not risk free. Witness today’s Hong Kong protestors, and even the (inappropriate) response of LeBron James. Furthermore, Alexis de Tocqueville warned us long ago of the “Tyranny of the Majority.” The majority is too often wrong, e.g., some folks believe that Trump’s Electoral College majority proves that point. And some folks even believe that the Church’s conviction of Galileo (1633) was wrong. The good news is that the Church finally vindicated him—in November 1992 (just 27 years ago)—after 3½ centuries.
6. If you want my perspective on these questions, see my recent, peer-reviewed article:
“The Robertson Hypothesis: A Joyless Review” at
<https://journals.ke-i.org/index.php/mra/article/view/1980>
Or, find the above link at my website: [The Mantik View](#)

THE LESAR DISCLAIMER

“The AARC has not taken a position on the issues you have raised. Its members are free to express opinions on the basis of their own conclusions about what the evidence shows or may not show. When you report the results of your survey to CAPA, or the Peace and Reconciliation Commission, please make this clear to them.”

--Jim Lesar, President, AARC

David W. Mantik: I am quite sure that CAPA would make the same statement.

A LONE GUNMAN DISCLAIMER

Although many green squares in one column (e.g., Robertson) seem to indict that person as a lone gunman supporter that would be an incorrect conclusion. Even I have 3 green squares, and Dr. Wecht has several, but neither of us supports the lone gunman (nor does Robertson). Rather, we recognize that the Warren Commission (WC) got a few things right—although certainly not the critical ones. The sea of red in the spreadsheet, however, is a clear indictment of the WC by these respondents. In fact, the list does not contain a single thorough-going WC supporter (e.g., see questions #29 and # 44), although one respondent comes very close. Some committed WC supporters were invited to participate, but none did, e.g., Howard Willens, whose e-mail address I did have.

FIRST: A REALITY CHECK—CAN THESE RESPONDENTS BE TRUSTED?

8. JFK's shirt is shown below. Is this an authentic display of blood?



This was a “control question.” The shirt was made by Dillon in New York, as I observed while at NARA. This is corroborated in *The Inheritance* by Christopher Fulton:

...archivist of the United States, I certify on his behalf, under the seal of the National Archives of the United States, that the attached reproductions are a true and correct copy of documents in his custody, Secret Service official case of the assassination of President Kennedy, 1963-64." It was signed by Steven D. Tilley, **JFK** Liaison Textual Ref. Div., The National Archives, Washington, D.C. 20408.

On the main exhibit page, under the heading: "Inventory of Clothing worn by President Kennedy, receipt by FBI to FBI Lab," was the definitive list of what President Kennedy was wearing and had on his person when he was killed in Dallas:

- Grey suit, Brooks Brothers
- Black Leather Belt, Farnsworth-Reed, size 34
- Blue and White **shirt, Dillon**, custom made
- White Shorts, Brooks Brothers
- Black Moccasin Shoes, size 10.5
- White Linen Handkerchief
- Tortoiseshell comb, Kent of London
- Black Silk Tie, Monsieur Christian Dior
- Cloth Back Brace

To my knowledge, no one has ever questioned the authenticity of this shirt. As expected, more blood is visible on the left side—because JFK had tilted to his left. Therefore, everyone should have answered, “Yes.” In fact, they did not. This is an early warning that our respondents may not be fully credible. Here are their responses to this question:



8. JFK's shirt is shown below. Is this an authentic display of blood?

Yes	Chesser, Davidson, Hancock, B. Holland, Horne, Josephs, Mantik, Morley, Morningstar, Orr, Palamara, L. Rivera, Robertson, Shackelford, Wagner.
No	Cinque.
Probably yes	Anonymous, J. Baker, Costello, Hargrove, Keane, Kiel, Nurko, O'Brien, Percy, Sadowski, Victor, Wecht.
Probably not	Nelson, S. Thomas.
I don't know	Aguilar, Bleau, Burnham, deValk, Hornberger, Jaffe, S. Myers.
No one knows	

Wagner	Y
Victor	Y?
S. Thomas	N?
Shackelford	Y
Sadowski	Y?
L. Rivera	Y
Percy	Y?
Palamara	Y
Orr	Y
O'Brien	Y?
Nurko	Y?
Nelson	N?
S. Myers	?
Morningstar	Y
Morley	Y
Kiel	Y?
Keane	Y?
Josephs	Y
Jaffe	?
Horne	Y
Hornberger	?
Holland	Y
Hargrove	Y?
Hancock	Y
deValk	?
Davidson	Y
Costello	Y?
Cinque	N
Burnham	?
Bleau	?
J. Baker	Y?
Anonymous	Y?
Wecht	Y?
Robertson	Y
Mantik	Y
Chesser	Y
Aguilar	?

COLOR CODE for the LIST OF RESPONSES

- **LILAC**—The dominant response (sometimes the majority)
- **RED**—The minority view
- **BLACK**--Agnostics

SELECTED QUESTIONS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST

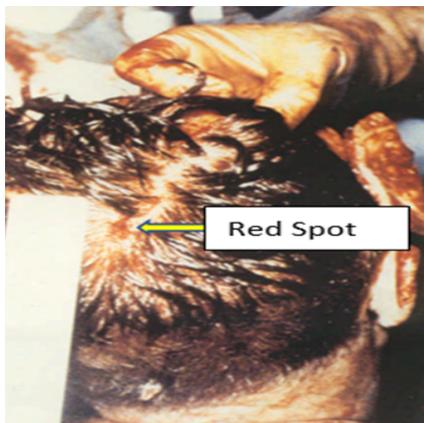
1. At Parkland Hospital (Dallas), did JFK have an occipital hole in his skull (about the size of a silver dollar, or perhaps larger)?

Yes	J. Baker, Bleau, Burnham, Chesser, Cinque, Costello, Davidson, deValk, Hargrove, B. Holland, Horne, Hornberger, Josephs, Kiel, Mantik, Morningstar, S. Myers, Nelson, Palamara, L. Rivera, Sadowski, Shackelford, Victor, Wecht.
No	O'Brien, Orr, Percy, Robertson, S. Thomas, Wagner.
Probably yes	Aguilar, Hancock, Jaffe.
Probably not	Nurko.
I don't know	Anonymous, Keane, Morley.
No one knows	

Wagner	Victor	S. Thomas	Shackelford	Sadowski	L. Rivera	Percy	Palamara	Orr	O'Brien	Nurko	Nelson	S. Myers	Morningstar	Morley	Kiel	Keane	Josephs	Jaffe	Horne	Hornberger	Holland	Hargrove	Hancock	deValk	Davidson	Costello	Cinque	Burnham	Bleau	J. Baker	Anonymous	Wecht	Robertson	Mantik	Chesser	Aguilar		
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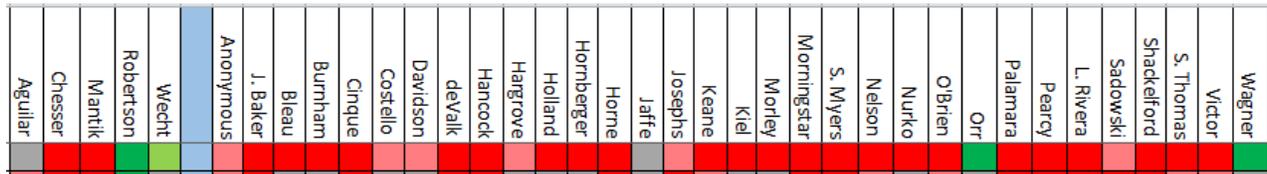
■ Consistent with the traditional lone gunman
 ■ Mildly favors lone gunman
 ■ Agnostic
 ■ Mildly opposes lone gunman
 ■ Strongly opposes lone gunman
 ■ No response

Comments on #1. According to a definitive study at my alma mater (the University of Michigan), eyewitnesses are remarkably accurate if three conditions are met: prompt recall—and the action must be salient and simple. See [here](#) (p. 339). The Parkland medical witnesses easily meet these three criteria. The only disagreement comes from the autopsy photograph, which was not matched (by the HSCA) to the camera/lens combination used at the autopsy. (This camera/lens combination was discovered by the Department of Defense, according to the HSCA.) So we must choose: Do we believe the (nearly unanimous) recall of professional witnesses at Parkland, or do we prefer a dubious (and unauthenticated) autopsy photograph? One of these options is surely wrong, as most respondents recognized, i.e., only a few still believe the autopsy photograph.



6. The “red spot” in the above photograph was chosen by the HSCA as the entrance wound. Does this “red spot” represent an authentic JFK wound?

Yes	Robertson, Orr, Wagner.
No	J. Baker, Bleau, Burnham, Chesser, Cinque, deValk, Hancock, B. Holland, Hornberger, Horne, Keane, Kiel, Mantik, Morley, Morningstar, S. Myers, Nelson, Nurko, O’Brien, Palamara, Percy, L. Rivera, Shackelford, S. Thomas, Victor.
Probably yes	Wecht.
Probably not	Anonymous, Costello, Davidson, Hargrove, Josephs, Sadowski.
I don’t know	Aguilar, Jaffe.
No one knows	



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 ■ Agnostic
 ■ Mildly opposes lone gunman
 ■ Strongly opposes lone gunman
 ■ No response

Comments on #6. The red spot, of course, was the central pillar of the HSCA’s case. Nonetheless, the red spot was not seen by anyone at [Parkland Hospital](#) (p. 240).

Furthermore, all three pathologists (vociferously) denied seeing it. The HSCA tied this spot to the 6.5 mm object on the skull X-ray—even though no one (of dozens of witnesses) had seen this odd object on the X-rays during the autopsy. Both the red spot and the 6.5 mm object are [post-autopsy fictions](#), and so they can tell us nothing useful—except as a possible insights into the minds of their criminal inventors. This red spot is, of course, the supposed source of JFK’s bloodied shirt (shown above). But how likely is it that JFK’s hair (in the official photograph) showed no blood, but that this red spot could so massively color his shirt?

12. Drs. Aguilar, Chesser, and Mantik have each reported seeing many tiny metal fragments near the forehead (along the trail of metallic debris) on JFK’s lateral skull X-ray at the Archives. Did they all make a mistake?

Yes	
No	J. Baker, Bleau, Burnham, Chesser, Cinque, Davidson, deValk, Hancock, Hornberger, Horne, Mantik, Morningstar, S. Myers, Nelson, Nurko, Palamara, Percy, L. Rivera, Sadowski, S. Thomas, Victor, Wecht.
Probably yes	
Probably not	Aguilar, Anonymous, Costello, Hargrove, B. Holland, Keane, Kiel, O’Brien, Orr, Shackelford, Wagner.
I don’t know	Jaffe, Morley.
No one knows	

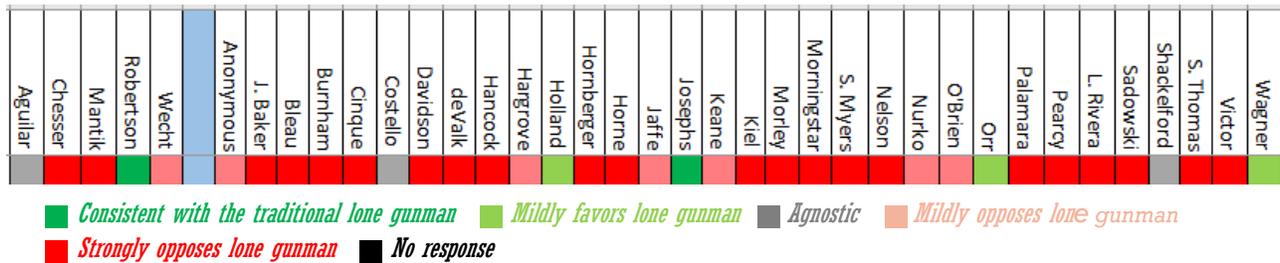
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■ *Consistent with the traditional lone gunman*
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■ *Agnostic*
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■ *Strongly opposes lone gunman*
■ *No response*

Comments on #12. As one of the three cited expert observers, it is curious that Aguilar’s response was “Probably yes,” rather than simply “yes.” However, if we three did see these tiny fragments, then conspiracy is virtually certain, as they overtly imply a frontal bullet, likely an exploding one. If I (personally) made a mistake about these fragments though, the implications for me are horrific: I could then easily stand accused of malpractice. That is because, when irradiating tumors, radiation oncologists must be aware of metal clips placed by surgeons, specifically for targeting purposes. So, if anyone claimed that I had even “probably” seen invisible metal fragments, I ought then promptly to retire. It should be emphasized, however, that it is not incredible that these tiny fragments were missed by prior examiners, because so much other information lies on these X-ray films, and these objects are indeed tiny. Dr. Michael Chesser saw them because he was completely focused on them before visiting NARA. And I noticed them because my myopia was so severe—and also because I had tediously performed a deliberate survey of all metal fragments (which no one else has ever done). See [here](#) (Figure 2) or [here](#) or [here](#).

15. Are the autopsy photographs at the Archives all originals—and unaltered?

Yes	Robertson, Josephs (see his unsolicited response).
No	J. Baker, Bleau, Burnham, Chesser, Cinque, Davidson, deValk, Hancock, Hornberger, Horne, Kiel, Mantik, Morley, Morningstar, S. Myers, Nelson, Palamara, Percy, L. Rivera, Sadowski, S. Thomas, Victor.
Probably yes	B. Holland, Orr, Wagner.
Probably not	Anonymous, Hargrove, Jaffe, Keane, Nurko, O'Brien, Wecht.
I don't know	Aguilar, Costello, Shackelford.
No one knows	



Comments on #15. None of the Parkland MDs (of at least 16) recognized the photographs of the [back of JFK's head](#) (p. 199). Both Robert Groden and I were unable to produce 3D images—precisely where the hole was seen at Parkland. On the other hand, such 3D images were easily created for the other autopsy photographs. (Randy Robertson apparently has not performed such stereo viewing.) This is overwhelming confirmation that the identical photograph (of someone else's scalp) was inserted into this site for both members of this photographic pair. Instead, the schemers should have inserted slightly different images into each member of this photographic pair, but they failed to do so. Perhaps next time they will do better.

18. Are these brain photographs consistent with the skull X-rays?

Yes	Robertson, Orr.
No	J. Baker, Burnham, Chesser, Cinque, Costello, deValk, Hancock, Hornberger, Horne, Josephs, Mantik, Morley, Morningstar, S. Myers, Nurko, O'Brien, Palamara, Percy, L. Rivera, S. Thomas, Victor, Wecht.
Probably yes	Shackelford.
Probably not	Aguilar, Kiel, Nelson, Sadowski.
I don't know	Anonymous, Bleau, Davidson, Hargrove, B. Holland, Jaffe, Keane, Wagner.
No one knows	

Wagner	Victor	S. Thomas	Shackelford	Sadowski	L. Rivera	Percy	Palamara	Orr	O'Brien	Nurko	Nelson	S. Myers	Morningstar	Morley	Kiel	Keane	Josephs	Jaffe	Horne	Hornberger	Holland	Hargrove	Hancock	deValk	Davidson	Costello	Cinque	Burnham	Bleau	J. Baker	Anonymous	Wecht	Robertson	Mantik	Chesser	Aguilar	

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 ■ *Agnostic*
 ■ *Mildly opposes lone gunman*
■ *Strongly opposes lone gunman*
 ■ *No response*

Comments on #18. If we accept the results of optical densitometry (i.e., of physics), then a fist-sized area of no brain—on either right or left—occurs at the front of the skull on the both lateral X-rays. However, the brain photographs show nothing of the sort. Instead, the brain—on both right and left sides—is virtually intact. The schemers merely neglected to coordinate the photographic manipulation with the X-ray alteration, which, given their time constraints, is surely no surprise.

20. Are the autopsy skull X-rays all originals—and unaltered?

Yes	Hay, Robertson, Orr.
No	J. Baker, Bleau, Burnham, Chesser, Cinque, Davidson, deValk, Hancock, Hornberger, Horne, Josephs, Mantik, Morningstar, S. Myers, Nelson, Palamara, Percy, L. Rivera, Sadowski, S. Thomas, Victor.
Probably yes	Shackelford, Wagner.
Probably not	Anonymous, Costello, Hargrove, Jaffe, Keane, Kiel, Nurko, O'Brien, Wecht.
I don't know	Aguilar, Morley.
No one knows	

Aguilar	Chesser	Mantik	Robertson	Wecht	Anonymous	J. Baker	Bleau	Burnham	Cinque	Costello	Davidson	deValk	Hancock	Hargrove	Holland	Hornberger	Horne	Jaffe	Josephs	Keane	Kiel	Morley	Morningstar	S. Myers	Nelson	Nurko	O'Brien	Orr	Palamara	Percy	L. Rivera	Sadowski	Shackelford	S. Thomas	Victor	Wagner	C. Bradford	Hay
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 ■ Strongly opposes lone gunman
 ■ No response

Comments on #20. The White Patch (on the two lateral X-rays) is grossly abnormal. It is not present on JFK's pre-mortem lateral X-ray—nor on any patient X-ray I've seen during 40 years of practicing radiation oncology. Nor is any correspondingly dense object seen on the AP X-ray. This is a gross violation of physical reality. On the other hand, a copy X-ray could be consistent with this (i.e., the White Patch could have been added during a [second exposure](#)).

Likewise, the 6.5 mm object is [bizarre](#) (p. 120). No one (of dozens at the autopsy) saw it. My measurements at NARA on the AP skull X-ray (confirmed by Dr. Michael Chesser) show that it represents metal at least 3-4 cm long (from front to back), but no such metal is seen on the lateral X-ray. All of this violates physical reality. Despite this paradox, 7 respondents are not yet convinced that this object is a fake. It is far from clear what additional evidence they would require.

Finally, there is the T-shaped inscription on the second lateral skull X-ray. This object must have been created by scraping emulsion off the X-ray film. However, no emulsion is missing—on either side of the X-ray film, as I viewed it at NARA. Therefore, the NARA film must be a copy of an original film (where such emulsion actually was missing). The whereabouts of the original X-ray film are unknown. The bottom line is this: If this is a copy film, then the superposition (in the darkroom) of another image (e.g., the White Patch) was easy to do in that era, as I have shown. Amazingly, no one (except for Dr. Michael Chesser) has bothered to look for missing emulsion on these X-rays—even though several individuals knew of this observation before their visits to NARA.

22. Three Dallas pathologists at Methodist Hospital held the Harper fragment and declared that it was from occipital bone. Were they all wrong?

Yes	Robertson.
No	J. Baker, Bleau, Burnham, Chesser, Cinque, deValk, Hancock, B. Holland, Hornberger, Horne, Josephs, Mantik, Morningstar, S. Myers, O'Brien, Palamara, Percy, L. Rivera, Sadowski, S. Thomas, Wecht.
Probably yes	Orr, Wagner.
Probably not	Anonymous, Davidson, Hargrove, Keane, Kiel, Nelson, Victor.
I don't know	Aguilar, Costello, Jaffe, Nurko, Shackelford.
No one knows	

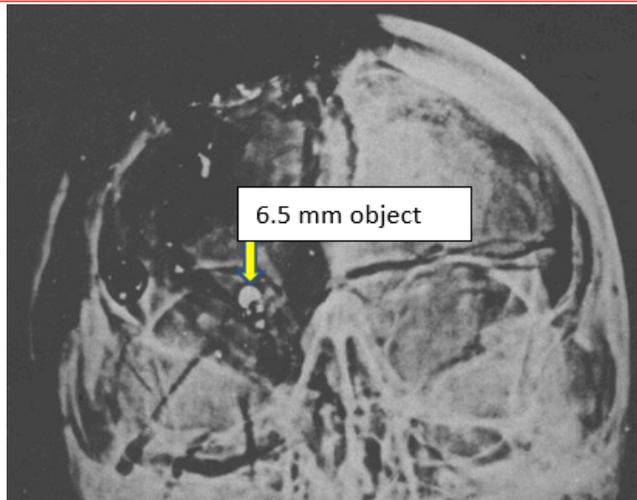
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■ Strongly opposes lone gunman
 ■ No response

Comments on #22. Based on vascular grooves unique to the occiput, three Dallas pathologists concluded that the Harper fragment was occipital. I interviewed one of them in a 1992 radio show. His opinion had not changed. He even recalled a lead smudge on one edge. (X-rays confirm that the smudge is metallic.) After close inspection of the AP skull X-ray at NARA, I could see exactly where this bone fragment fit into the back of the skull—and the smudge mysteriously ended up exactly where Humes and Boswell had located the occipital entry site. This recognition was an eerie moment of serendipity for me, i.e., I had located their entry hole by accident. I also recognized that Humes and Boswell were permitted to report on the rear entry wound, but were not allowed to describe an adjacent Harper-sized hole.

24. Randy Robertson claims that the 6.5 mm object (within JFK's right orbit on the anterior-posterior X-ray—see the image below) represents metal and that its image was present on the original X-ray during the autopsy. Is he correct?

Yes	Cinque, Orr, Robertson.
No	Burnham, Chesser, deValk, Horne, Josephs, Mantik, Morningstar, L. Rivera, Sadowski, Victor.
Probably yes	Anonymous, Bleau, Hancock, Keane, Nelson, Palamara, Shackelford, S. Thomas, Wagner.
Probably not	Nurko
I don't know	Aguilar, Costello, Davidson, Hargrove, B. Holland, Hornberger, Kiel, S. Myers, Jaffe, Morley, O'Brien, Percy, Wecht.
No one knows	



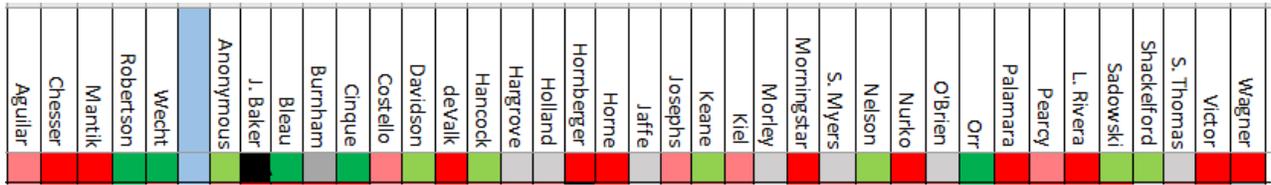
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Comments on #24. No one saw this weird object during the autopsy, but [my 5 and 7-year old children](#) (independently—see p. 121) promptly spotted it on the X-ray images in David Lifton's book. This clearly means that my untrained children were more competent than multiple experienced physicians. Although that may seem incredible, 12 of 37 respondents (including one physician) did not find that hard to believe, and 13 of 37 (including two physicians) are still not sure that this object is a fake.

26. Larry Sturdivan (ballistic expert for the HSCA) claims that the 6.5 mm object cannot be an authentic piece of metal. Is he correct?

Yes	Burnham, Chesser, deValk, Hornberger, Horne, Mantik, Morningstar, Nurko, Palamara, L. Rivera, Victor, Wagner.
No	Bleau, Cinque, Or, Robertson, Wecht.
Probably yes	Aguilar, Costello, Josephs, Kiel, Percy.
Probably not	Anonymous, Davidson, Hancock, Keane, Nelson, Sadowski, Shackelford.
I don't know	Hargrove, B. Holland, Jaffe, S. Myers, Morley, O'Brien, S. Thomas.
No one knows	



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Comments on #26. After thousands of cases, [Larry Sturdivan](#) (p. 266) had never seen a nearly circular cross section of a bullet like this. Nor has Dr. Wecht (after about 20,000 autopsies), nor had Howard Donahue (a ballistics expert). Furthermore, the WC claimed that the nose and tail of this same bullet were found inside the limousine, which means that an inside cross section had been sliced out and then directly deposited onto the back of the skull. In the long history of radiology, no one had ever seen such an event—until this case. Of course, this was not truly a novel event in radiology—the 6.5 mm object had merely been added in the darkroom as a [second exposure](#) (p. 120), likely by Dr. John Ebersole, the radiologist.

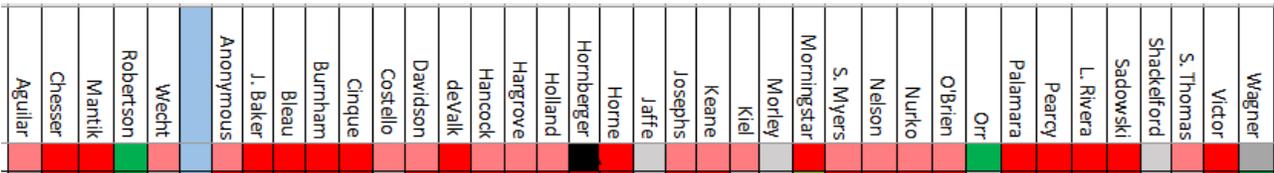
Below are images of the supposed nose (CE Exhibit 567) and tail (CE Exhibit 569) of the WC's [head bullet](#). At any rate, such were the conclusions of Robert Frazier, the WC ballistics expert. The reader can judge for him/herself exactly where to reconstruct the nearly circular 6.5 mm object between these two metal fragments; the WC wisely refrained from this exercise (WC Volume XVII).

Randy Robertson claims that the 6.5 mm object represents authentic metal, deposited by a frontal shot that exited near the 6.5 mm site. However, he does not describe the destination of the associated fragments from that bullet—or even whether he accepts CE Exhibits 567 and 569 as part of this frontal bullet (although he cites the two large limousine fragments).



27. David Mantik claims that his optical density measurements of the 6.5 mm object are consistent with a photographic double exposure in the darkroom. Is he correct?

Yes	J. Baker, Bleau, Burnham, Chesser, Cinque, deValk, Horne, Mantik, Morningstar, Palamara, Percy, L. Rivera, Sadowski, Victor.
No	Orr, Robertson.
Probably yes	Aguilar, Anonymous, Costello, Davidson, Hancock, Hargrove, B. Holland, Josephs, Keane, Kiel, S. Myers, Nelson, Nurko, O'Brien, S. Thomas, Wecht.
Probably not	
I don't know	Jaffe, Morley, Shackelford, Wagner.
No one knows	

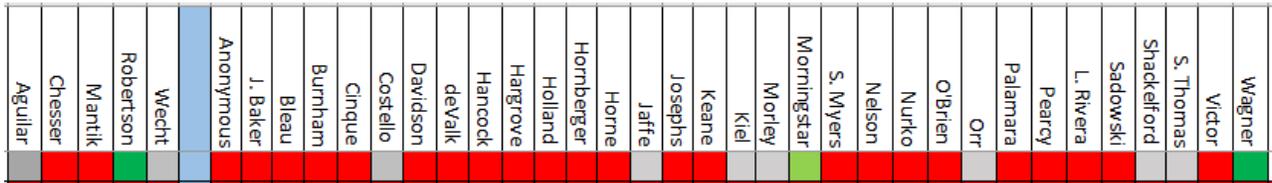


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Comments on #27. I was easily able to demonstrate how such double-exposure fakes could be created in that era. For example, I produced a “birdbrain” and bullet trails inside skulls (on copy X-ray films), as well as a scissors (composed only of air) left inside a skull. Textbooks from the early 1960's describe exactly how to perform such steps. See [here](#) for "Instructions for Duplicating X-rays." I have reviewed the history of the science of optical densitometry [here](#) (Appendix 10).

28. What part of the skull was the Harper fragment from?

Frontal	
Occipital	Anonymous, J. Baker, Bleau, Burnham, Chesser, Cinque, Davidson, deValk, Hancock, Hargrove, B. Holland, Hornberger, Horne, Josephs, Keane, Mantik, S. Myers, Nelson, Nurko, O'Brien, Palamara, Percy, L. Rivera, Sadowski, Victor.
Parietal	Robertson, Wagner.
Other	Morningstar.
I don't know	Aguilar, Costello, Jaffe, Kiel, Morley, Orr, Shackelford, S. Thomas, Wecht.
No one knows	



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 ■ *No response*

Comments on #28. My e-book, *JFK's Head Wounds*, lists 15 distinct indicators for the occipital origin of the Harper fragment. Opponents have never bothered to address more than a handful of these at one time. Besides, this bone fragment cannot fit anywhere else on the skull surface, as was also demonstrated in my e-book.



29. Do you accept the Single Bullet Theory of the Warren Commission?

Yes	
No	Aguilar, Anonymous, J. Baker, Bleau, C. Bradford, Burnham, Chesser, Cinque, Costello, Davidson, deValk, Hancock, Hargrove, B. Holland, Hornberger, Horne, Jaffe, Josephs, Keane, Kiel, Mantik, Morley, Morningstar, S. Myers, Nelson, Nurko, O'Brien, Orr, Palamara, Percy, L. Rivera, Robertson, Sadowski, Shackelford, S. Thomas, Victor, Wagner, Wecht.
Probably yes	
Probably not	

Aguilar	Chesser	Mantik	Robertson	Wecht	Anonymous	J. Baker	Bleau	Burnham	Cinque	Costello	Davidson	deValk	Hancock	Hargrove	Holland	Hornberger	Horne	Jaffe	Josephs	Keane	Kiel	Morley	Morningstar	S. Myers	Nelson	Nurko	O'Brien	Orr	Palamara	Percy	L. Rivera	Sadowski	Shackelford	S. Thomas	Victor	Wagner	C. Bradford
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Comments on #29. This was the only unanimous response in this 50-question survey and is an excellent reason to confine the Warren Report to the fiction section of every library. Unfortunately, it has been replaced by the likes of Fred Litwin, Vince Bugliosi, Bill O'Reilly, Robert Blakey, and Clint Hill.

30. Do you accept some other Single Bullet Theory?

Yes	Robertson [DM: So does Don Thomas.]
No	J. Baker, Bleau, C Bradford, Burnham, Chesser, Cinque, Costello, Davidson, 9deValk, Hancock, Hargrove, B. Holland, Hornberger, Horne, Jaffe, Josephs, Kiel, Mantik, Morley, Morningstar, S. Myers, Nelson, Nurko, O'Brien, Orr, Palamara, Percy, L. Rivera, Sadowski, Shackelford, S. Thomas, Victor, Wagner, Wecht.
Probably yes	
Probably not	Aguilar, Anonymous, Keane.

Aguilar	Chesser	Mantik	Robertson	Wecht	Anonymous	J. Baker	Bleau	Burnham	Cinque	Costello	Davidson	deValk	Hancock	Hargrove	Holland	Hornberger	Horne	Jaffe	Josephs	Keane	Kiel	Morley	Morningstar	S. Myers	Nelson	Nurko	O'Brien	Orr	Palamara	Percy	L. Rivera	Sadowski	Shackelford	S. Thomas	Victor	Wagner	C. Bradford
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Comments on #30. Randy Robertson and Don Thomas, both strong WC critics, espouse their own variants of the single bullet theory (SBT)—which are different from one another. For example, Don Thomas has stated:

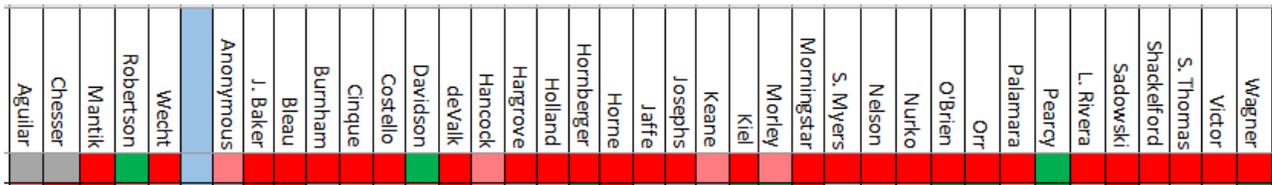
“The single bullet theory is thus consistent with the evidence...” --Hear No Evil 2010, p. 713.

And Randy Robertson has stated [here](#) that:

“...the X-rays and supportive testimony suggest that the bullet that entered the President’s back exited from the front of his neck...”

31. Were Drs. Jones, Crenshaw, and Carrico correct to describe a small wound *above* the knot in the necktie?

Yes	J. Baker, Bleau, Burnham, Cinque, Costello, deValk, Hargrove, B. Holland, Hornberger, Horne, Jaffe, Josephs, Kiel, Mantik, Morningstar, S. Myers, Nelson, Nurko, O'Brien, Orr, Palamara, L. Rivera, Sadowski, Shackelford, S. Thomas, Victor, Wagner, Wecht.
No	Davidson, Percy, Robertson.
Probably yes	Anonymous, Hancock, Keane, Morley.
Probably not	
I don't know	Aguilar, Chesser.
No one knows	



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Comments on #31. If three physician eyewitnesses cannot be believed, then who is to be trusted? The rather superior location of this wound (per these three MDs) immediately rules out the SBT (because of the much inferior location of the back wound). But, of course, I had already demonstrated, from more inferior cross-sectional CT scans, that the SBT likewise could not occur at these lower levels.

32. How many bullets struck JFK in the head?

Zero	
One	Hornberger, Kiel Morley, O'Brien, Orr, Percy, Wagner.
Two	Aguilar, Cinque, Costello (or more), Davidson, Hancock, B. Holland, Nelson, Nurko, Palamara, L. Rivera, Robertson, Shackelford, S. Thomas, Victor, Wecht.
Three	J. Baker, Bleau, Chessser, deValk, Horne, Mantik, Morningstar, Sadowski.
Four or more	
I don't know	Anonymous, Burnham, Hargrove, Jaffe, Josephs, Keane, S. Myers.
No one knows	

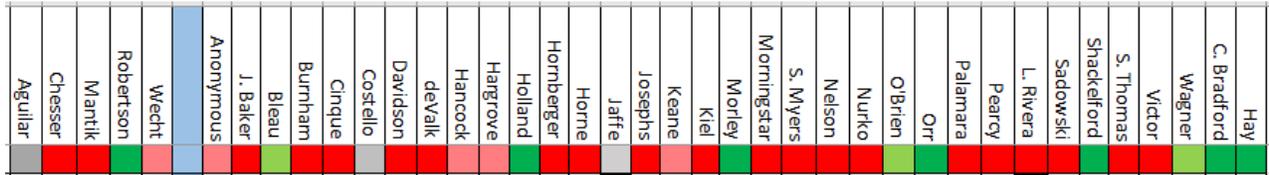
Wagner	1
Victor	2
S. Thomas	2
Shackelford	2
Sadowski	3
L. Rivera	2
Percy	1
Palamara	2
Orr	1
O'Brien	1
Nurko	2
Nelson	2
S. Myers	3
Morningstar	3
Morley	1
Kiel	1
Keane	3
Josephs	3
Jaffe	3
Horne	3
Hornberger	1
Holland	2
Hargrove	3
Hancock	2
deValk	3
Davidson	2
Costello	2
Cinque	2
Burnham	3
Bleau	3
J. Baker	3
Anonymous	3
Wecht	2
Robertson	2
Mantik	3
Chessser	3
Aguilar	2

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Comments on #32. Douglas Horne, in his massive 5-volume magnum opus, was the first to present the argument for [3 headshots](#). My e-book, *JFK's Head Wounds*, lists even more [arguments](#) (Table 1) for this conclusion. Two headshots alone cannot explain all the evidence. Proponents of just two headshots have failed to address the shortcomings of their arguments. [In the matrix slice just above, the software would not permit me to type the number 3 (i.e., 3 headshots) for my own answer.]

39. Is the Zapruder film in the Archives an unaltered original?

Yes	C. Bradford, Hay, B. Holland, Morley, Orr, Robertson, Shackelford.
No	J. Baker, Burnham, Chesser, Cinque, Davidson, deValk, Hornberger, Horne, Josephs, Kiel, Mantik, Morningstar, S. Myers, Nelson, Nurko, Palamara, Pearcy, L. Rivera, Sadowski, S. Thomas, Victor.
Probably yes	Bleau, O'Brien, Wagner.
Probably not	Anonymous, Hancock, Hargrove, Keane, Wecht.
I don't know	Aguilar, Costello, Jaffe.
No one knows	

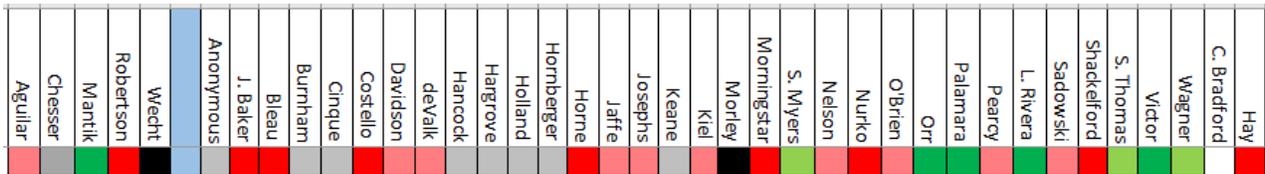


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Comments on #39. [John Costella](#) has made a cogent case for film alteration, and his cerebral work undergirds the work of many disbelievers in the film. Furthermore, the two successive—and highly compartmentalized—CIA events that weekend at the [NPIC](#) are completely consistent with that interpretation. And here is a question to think about: How many first-time viewers of the Zapruder film have been puzzled by the limousine stop? (I know of no one.) On the other hand, nearly everyone in Dealey Plaza remarked on this [strange event](#) (p. 119). Finally, notice that Sherry Fiester’s disciples are required to accept Zapruder film authenticity. Without this assumption her case collapses. See my critique of her work [here](#).

43. Does the Dallas police Dictabelt contain authentic gunshots?

Yes	J. Baker, Bleau, Costello, Hay, Horne, Morningstar, Nurko, Robertson, Shackelford.
No	Mantik, Orr, Palamara, L. Rivera, Victor.
Probably yes	Aguilar, Davidson, deValk, Jaffe, Josephs, Kiel, Nelson, O'Brien, Percy, Sadowski.
Probably not	S. Myers, S. Thomas, Wagner.
I don't know	Anonymous, Burnham, Chesser, Cinque, Hancock, Hargrove, B. Holland, Hornberger, Keane.
No one knows	



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Comments on #43. Among Dictabelt proponents (aside from Josiah Thompson and Don Thomas) no one has seriously studied the acoustic evidence. Most WC critics (19 of 37 survey responders) accept these inscrutable sounds as gunshots—most likely because such shots support their cognitive bias. I have written a 100+ page [review](#) of Thomas’s book. The *reductio ad absurdum* argument (cited there) is the knock-out blow for these supposed gunshots. No critic (not even Thomas or Thompson) has ever had the courage even to admit the existence of this argument. Furthermore, in my review of Thomas (APPENDIX 8. “Challenges to the Acoustics Data—a Long Laundry List”) I cite 37 specific reasons for doubting the Dictabelt evidence. All of these issues were excluded from Thomas’s calculation of his p-value. The Dictabelt sounds have nothing to do with gunshots.

44. On the 50th anniversary, in November 2013, John Tunheim, former chairman of the Assassination Records Review Board (ARRB), told a staff writer at NBC News: “I look back to the hard evidence of the case, the real evidence, the evidence admissible in court, and all of that points to Oswald acting alone.” Do you accept this?

Yes	Nurko.
No	Aguilar, J. Baker, Bleau, Burnham, Chesser, Cinque, Costello, Davidson, deValk, Hancock, Hargrove, B. Holland, Hornberger, Horne, Jaffe, Josephs, Kiel, Mantik, Morley, Morningstar, S. Myers, Nelson, O'Brien, Orr, Palamara, Pearcy, L. Rivera, Robertson, Sadowski, Shackelford, S. Thomas, Victor, Wecht.
Probably yes	Wagner.
Probably not	Anonymous, Keane.
I don't know	

Wagner	Victor	S. Thomas	Shackelford	Sadowski	L. Rivera	Pearcy	Palamara	Orr	O'Brien	Nurko	Nelson	S. Myers	Morningstar	Morley	Kiel	Keane	Josephs	Jaffe	Horne	Hornberger	Holland	Hargrove	Hancock	deValk	Davidson	Costello	Cinque	Burnham	Bleau	J. Baker	Anonymous	Wecht	Robertson	Mantik	Chesser	Aguilar		
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Comments on #44. John Tunheim has but two disciples among these 37 responders. If this were a democratic process Tunheim would be impeached, and then the media would refuse to advise the public of the judge’s black eye.

48. Do you believe in any historical and/or contemporary conspiracies?

Yes, one or a few	Chesser, Davidson, Hargrove, B. Holland, Horne, Jaffe, Morley, Nurko, O'Brien, Palamara, Parker, Pearcy, Robertson, Sadowski, Shackelford, S. Thomas, Victor.
Yes, more than a few	J. Baker, Bleau, Cinque, deValk, Hancock, Hornberger, Kiel, Morningstar, Nelson, Orr, L. Rivera, Wecht.
Yes many	Aguilar, Burnham, Costello, Josephs, Mantik, S. Myers.
No	
I don't know	Wagner.

Wagner	?
Victor	1+
S. Thomas	1+
Shackelford	1+
Sadowski	1+
L. Rivera	2+
Pearcy	1+
Palamara	1+
Orr	2+
O'Brien	1+
Nurko	1+
Nelson	2+
S. Myers	3+
Morningstar	2+
Morley	1+
Kiel	2+
Keane	3+
Josephs	1+
Jaffe	1+
Horne	1+
Hornberger	2+
Holland	1+
Hargrove	1+
Hancock	2+
deValk	2+
Davidson	1+
Costello	3+
Cinque	2+
Burnham	3+
Bleau	2+
J. Baker	2+
Anonymous	2+
Wecht	2+
Robertson	1+
Mantik	3+
Chesser	1+
Aguilar	3+

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Comments on #48. All respondents—except for one—were aware that history is littered with conspiracies. See my [list](#) (p. 403) of British conspiracies. The US legal code even recognizes conspiracies; see Cornell Law [here](#). [From Gregory Burnham: Although it can be reasonably argued that a plan hatched between 2 or more persons to assassinate the President is conspiratorial, the crime of conspiracy—under this statute—is limited to those crimes that are committed against the United States (Federal Crime). In 1963 it was not a crime to assassinate the president under federal law. It was a state crime, like all murders in the United States.] Incidentally, the use of the phrase “conspiracy theory” skyrocketed after 1963; see [here](#) (on December 11, 2019 it was the first graph). This was likely triggered by the CIA’s collaboration with the [media](#). In an idiosyncratic irony of timing (or perhaps not), “The Paranoid Style in American Politics” by Richard J. Hofstadter, was first published in *Harper’s Magazine* in November 1964, precisely on the first anniversary of the assassination.



INCONSISTENT ANSWERS (i.e., COGNITIVE DISSONANCE)

Much redundant information lurks within these 50 questions. These potential pitfalls are easy to miss, hence Question 49: “Are all of your answers logically consistent?”

I promised not to embarrass anyone, so lower case letters represent (self-selected) laymen, while upper case letters represent (self-selected) cognoscenti. In the comparisons below, redundant questions are compared with one another; the letters cite the inconsistent responders. I tried to be conservative, but this list is still far too long. Only Thomas Pearcy was self-deprecating enough to admit that his answers might not be consistent.

An Aside: One of my reviewers, after seeing these discordant results, suggested that I change the title of this conclusion to “*The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly*,” playing this [music](#) in the background during my lecture—as produced by the Danish National Symphony Orchestra.

2 vs. 3 a, h, A, B, H, L

If JFK had an occipital hole in his skull, then the cerebellum should have been visible. Vice versa, if cerebellum was seen, then JFK must have had an occipital hole. You cannot agree with one statement and disagree with the other one. See my e-book, *JFK’s Head Wounds*, for such an image or visit [here](#).

2 vs. 10 a, j, F, H

If JFK had an occipital hole in his skull at Bethesda, John Ebersole (the autopsy radiologist) should have seen a “big” hole at the back of his skull. If you agree with one of these statements, you really must agree with both.

3 vs. 4 h, B, D, N

If the Parkland doctors saw cerebellar tissue, then the Bethesda pathologists should have described a hole extending into the occipital area. If you agree with the first statement, then you must agree with the second one.

3 vs. 22 j, B

If the Parkland doctors saw cerebellar tissue, then the Dallas pathologists are likely correct to label the Harper fragment as occipital, although some could argue that it is a bit less certain that the preceding issues.

3 vs. 28 b

If the Parkland doctors saw cerebellar tissue, then the Harper fragment is likely from the occipital area. The argument is the same as above.

4 vs. 5 N

Since the official autopsy report and Boswell’s sketches describe a skeletal hole extending into the occiput, then the photograph of the back of the head is likely not authentic. The Parkland medical witnesses actually agree with Boswell’s sketch. The photograph is the only outlier.

5/6 vs. 15 D, W

If the posterior head photograph and the “red spot” are authentic, then the autopsy photographs at the Archives are likely all originals—and unaltered. If you agree with the first part of the statement, then you must also accept the second part.

6 vs. 7 j, B, D



If a respondent accepts the red spot” as authentic, then “I don’t know” should not be an acceptable answer. After all, an authentic pair must produce a 3D image.

12 vs. 32 j

On respondent thinks that Ebersole saw a large occipital hole, but that neither Parkland nor the autopsy pathologists did!

24 vs. 25 a, A, D

Randy Robertson describes a frontal head shot as *exiting* high on the back of the head, while depositing the 6.5 mm object. If this is accepted, then he must also be correct about the presence of this 6.5 mm object on the X-ray at the autopsy. (The reverse is not necessarily true though.)

24 vs. 26 c, i, j, F, K

Randy Robertson claims that the 6.5 mm object represents metal and that its image was present on the original X-ray during the autopsy. Larry Sturdivan denies this, so you cannot agree with both statements.

24 vs. 27 b, c, d, f, h, j, F, G, H, I, J, S, U, V

Randy Robertson claims that the 6.5 mm object represents metal and that its image was present on the original X-ray during the autopsy, but Mantik—and all the autopsy personnel—claim that the 6.5 mm object was not there that night. You cannot agree with both statements. If you truly believe that it was present, then you implicitly accuse all three pathologists and one radiologist of either gross incompetence or conspiratorial lying. You must also overlook dozens of other eyewitnesses who heard not a word about this object during the autopsy.

25 vs. 26 c

Randy Robertson describes a frontal head shot as *exiting* high on the back of the head, while depositing the 6.5 mm object, but Sturdivan claims that no metal was there, so you cannot agree with both statements.

25 vs. 27 a, b, c, d, h, A, D, H, I, J, K, V

Randy Robertson describes a frontal head shot as *exiting* high on the back of the head, while depositing the 6.5 mm object, but Mantik—and all the autopsy personnel—claim that no metal was seen there during the autopsy. You cannot agree with both statements.

26 vs. 27 a, b, d, h, D, H, I, J, K, V

If you believe (with Mantik) that this object was faked in the darkroom, you must believe that Sturdivan was right, i.e., the 6.5 mm object was not on the X-ray on November 22, 1963. The widespread disbelief in Sturdivan (a WC supporter) here appears to be another instance of cognitive dissonance, i.e., an unwillingness to accept anything your opponent (Sturdivan) claims.

29/30 vs. 31 a, f

If you don’t believe that the throat wound was above the necktie, you should favor a single bullet theory. The trajectory simply does not make sense otherwise. See [here](#) (p.102).

33 vs. 34 a k, A, I, J, L, M, N, P

Definition of Projectile: “A fired, thrown, or otherwise propelled object.” In other words, by definition, a bullet is a projectile! So, if you said “yes” to a back bullet you really should have said “yes” to a projectile. [DM: This was not meant to be tricky!]

35 vs. 36 l, A, C, E, F, H, L, N, P



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39 vs. 41 h, j, A, M, T

If the Zapruder film is authentic, it really should show significant debris flying backward.

39 vs. 42 f, I, W

If the Zapruder film is authentic, the Newcomb witnesses must necessarily be wrong.

THE SINGLE BULLET THEORY (SBT) REDUX

The HSCA’s speculation that the autopsy pathologists were unaware of a missile wound in the neck was overtly disgraceful. My (now-deceased) friend, Robert Livingston, MD, under oath, stated that he had telephoned Humes before the autopsy with this information. And John Ebersole (the autopsy radiologist) personally told me about telephone calls between Bethesda and Parkland during the autopsy. Long ago, Kathy (Cunningham) Evans exploded this myth in a detailed analysis of witnesses. However, even more devastating evidence exists—in the autopsy report itself, as I discuss immediately below.

Asked about a back bullet (Question #34), 30 of 37 respondents replied “yes” or “Probably yes”:

Yes: Davidson, deValk, Hancock, B. Holland, Horne, Morley, Morningstar, Nurko, O’Brien, Orr, Palamara, Percy, L. Rivera, Robertson, Shackelford, S. Thomas, Wagner, Wecht

Probably yes: Aguilar, Anonymous, J. Baker, Bleau, Chesser, Costello, Hornberger, Jaffe, Josephs, Keane, Kiel, Sadowski

A Single Bullet Theory (SBT) can explain the back wound (although none of the respondents accepted an SBT), so where did that bullet go? It was not found inside JFK, so it must have exited—but where? Asked about a throat bullet (Question #36), 23 of 37 respondents (including Martin Hay) replied “yes” or “Probably yes”:

Yes: Anonymous, Chesser, deValk, Hargrove, Hornberger, Horne, Kiel, Morley, Morningstar, Nurko, Palamara, Percy, L. Rivera, Sadowski, S. Thomas.

Probably yes: J. Baker, Bleau, Davidson, B. Holland, Jaffe, Josephs, S. Myers, Shackelford.

Such a bullet was not found inside JFK, so it must have exited him—but where did it alight? Of 37 respondents, 21 accept both a back and a throat bullet! Here are these twenty-one (21) respondents: Anonymous, J. Baker, Bleau, Chesser, Davidson, deValk, B. Holland, Hornberger, Horne, Jaffe, Josephs, Kiel, Morley, Morningstar, Nurko, Palamara, Percy, L. Rivera, Sadowski, Shackelford, S. Thomas.

In that case, these respondents must explain the ultimate destiny of two bullets! Unless some credible explanation is offered, these responses may just be more cognitive dissonance.

I accept neither of these scenarios, as discussed in my e-book, *JFK’s Head Wounds*. A more reasonable proposal is a back wound caused by metallic shrapnel from a bullet that struck the street. Here are at least 3 arguments for this. (1) At least five witnesses (including several in the WC volumes) reported such a bullet (or even bullets) glancing off Elm Street. (2) On the autopsy X-rays, tiny metal fragments are widely scattered on both sides of JFK’s skull; the fragment at the back of the head, over which the 6.5 mm fake was superimposed, is likely just one of these. (3) Low energy X-ray scattering showed metal at the holes on the rear of the shirt and coat; spectroscopic data showed that this metal was copper, consistent with a (partially) copper-jacketed fragment. On the other hand, no metal was found on the

front of the shirt, so that suggests either (1) a non-metallic projectile or (2) an entry superior to the shirt. Furthermore, the pathologists reported that the back wound was very shallow (as expected for shrapnel). However, it is nearly certain that the damage to JFK's shirt collar and tie were caused by a nurse's scalpel, not by a projectile—as the nurses agreed. That is also my impression after viewing these items at NARA. And, for the throat wound, I have proposed a glass shard—from the windshield. These shards are limited to a very narrow scattering cone (therefore striking no other limousine occupants); and we know that three more tiny wounds (on JFK's cheek) had to be closed by the mortician, because they oozed embalming fluid. These were very likely caused by additional (but very tiny) glass shards.

Several more comments should be made.

1. We know that something struck JFK in the throat while he was on Elm St. This conclusion derives from (an oft-overlooked part of) the autopsy report. At the autopsy, bruises (bruise: injury in which small blood vessels are broken but the overlying skin remains intact) were seen in the strap muscles of the anterior neck (and in the fascia around the trachea)—and a contusion was seen at the right lung apex. (Lung contusion: bruise of the lung as a result of vascular injury.) Such bruising can only occur while the victim is alive. After death, the heart stops pumping, and the circulatory system is under no pressure—so no bruising can then occur. Therefore, both the strap muscles and the lung contusion prove that JFK's heart was still beating when these injuries occurred—so these wounds must have occurred on Elm St. As further confirmation notice that the incisions for the chest tubes (on the anterior chest) were specifically described (in the autopsy report) as showing no bruising. So, we have a built-in control—right on JFK's own body—for this deduction.
2. We can therefore also reach one more conclusion—one of momentous import: Humes and Boswell understood, while at the autopsy, that something had struck JFK in the throat, while he was on Elm Street. Surely, they recognized that bruising of the lung apex and the neck muscles could only have occurred while JFK was still alive. (At the very least, they recognized that the tracheotomy could not have caused a contusion of the lung apex.) They merely disguised their knowledge (of these pre-mortem wounds) with their bland comments about bruising—and no one was ever shrewd enough to ask them about this. Of course, they also blamed the tracheotomy incision (for obscuring the throat entry wound), but they knew better. In other words, as I have always insisted, the pathologists disclosed as much truth as their predicament could bear. But they did not want history to regard them as buffoons (which they were not), so they left these clues for us. Because they were under strict military orders, with their pensions and promotions at stake, they had to be cagey. So, their detailed descriptions of bruising (versus no bruising) were their secret cryptograms to posterity that they were not fools.
3. The glass shard probably caused the contusion at the right lung apex, but due to its small size, its momentum quickly dissipated, so that no exit wound should have been expected. Furthermore, a glass shard would not readily be seen on an X-ray, so the pathologists had no credible chance of identifying it. It is even possible that this glass shard produced a pressure wave that caused JFK's arms to elevate after he re-appeared from behind the Stemmons freeway sign. A tantalizing clue is the delayed elevation of the left arm (compared to the right); this would be expected for a pressure wave—because a brief time delay would necessarily occur before this wave impacted the left brachial plexus, after first striking the right brachial plexus.
4. Bruising (“ecchymosis”: the passage of blood from ruptured blood vessels into subcutaneous tissue, marked by a purple discoloration of the intact skin) was also seen at the back wound. Therefore, we have yet one more argument (besides the three cited just above) for a posterior projectile that struck JFK on Elm St.



- 5. In view of the foregoing, we can now also conclude this: No one produced fake wounds after JFK died—after all, such wounds would not have caused bruising.

The widespread confusion among respondents between “projectile” and “bullet” (Questions #33-36) arose because I was thinking of metal shrapnel (for the back wound) and glass shards (for the throat wound), but our respondents were apparently not aware of these options. Had I known of this semantic confusion in advance I would, of course, have clarified my questions accordingly.

WHAT about the X-RAYS of T1? (ZHSCA95-102)

The transverse fracture of T1. Air in the tissues near T1 (the first thoracic vertebral body) could have been introduced by a transiting glass shard (from the windshield). Likewise, the (nondisplaced) T1 fracture (if accepted as authentic) could have been caused by such a glass shard. However, it need not have been a direct hit, but might instead have resulted indirectly from the pressure wave caused by such a fragment. (Notice that JFK’s contralateral arm soon elevated also—even though the left brachial plexus was not directly struck.) Multiple, credible witnesses saw a perforation of the windshield. Furthermore, the autopsy technician observed multiple, tiny holes in JFK's cheek (otherwise totally unexplained) that oozed embalming fluid—and these had to be plugged. These tiny holes probably derived from additional tiny glass fragments (probably invisible on X-rays). The Z-film shows that JFK's right upper extremity elevated before his left. This implies an impulse that first struck JFK’s right brachial plexus, but then only later impacted his left plexus. This is consistent with a pressure wave from a projectile that required a short time interval to travel from the right side to the left side.

Dr. G.M. McDonnel’s X-ray shadows. He noted the presence of small shadows randomly distributed on the chest X-ray—far removed from T1. “They were even found on films that did not overlie the trunk itself” (i.e., X-ray films of the abdomen and pelvis). He interpreted these shadows as artifacts. He also noted that the larger shadow [presumably lateral to the right bony process of C7] was not seen on the first film of the thorax (No. 9), but only appeared later, after removal of the thoracic organs. This suggested to him that the “larger shadow” was also an artifact. In my opinion, we cannot be certain that these shadows are pertinent to the case. Regarding C7, Dr. Davis did not see a fracture, but Dr. Seaman did, so this clearly lies in the eye of the beholder. The nondisplaced fracture of T1 was seen by both McDonnel and Davis—on both the original and the enhanced X-rays, so I tend to accept this as authentic. What we don’t know, of course, is whether this (supposed) fracture occurred before or after Elm St. I favor an acute fracture, but then the question becomes: What caused it? Unless a version of the SBT is invoked (virtually no one agrees with this—except for Randy Robertson and Don Thomas), I prefer the glass shard scenario. Of course, it is even possible that the small “radiopaque densities adjacent to the transverse process (sic) of C6 and C7” might be due to glass. Unfortunately, no one thought of that during the autopsy—or afterwards—so no pertinent experiments have ever been done with glass shards.

So, the BIG WINNER in this survey is ... COGNITIVE DISSONANCE!

The question then becomes: Is this is also true of the non-medical evidence?

And the answer is...

WE DO NOT KNOW,

Because no one has done such a survey.

For example: What about the Oswald evidence—would we find inconsistent beliefs there, too? To be specific, what about these items?

- The Mannlicher-Carcano
- The Minox camera
- The Tippit bullets
- The sixth-floor bullets
- The “Oswald” fingerprints, etc.

In closing, consider two pertinent quotations.

[The government] little by little robs each citizen of the proper use of his faculties... It covers the whole of social life with a network of petty, complicated rules... In the end each nation is no more than a flock of timid and hardworking animals with the government as its shepherd.

--Alexis de Tocqueville (1805-1859)

The wiser you are, the more worries you have; the more you know, the more it hurts.

--Ecclesiastes 1:18 (Good News Translation)



Alexis de Tocqueville (1805-1859)

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And here is a photograph from the weekend of November 21-24, 2019.

