

JFK Pending Tasks at NARA (for any interested person)¹

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Bring these items to use at NARA

1. Loupe
2. Stereo viewer
3. Bright flashlight
4. Notebook and pen
5. Ruler
6. Recorder
7. Printed copies of the autopsy skull X-rays and the pre-mortem
8. Optical densitometer—you should be able to borrow theirs!

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Autopsy X-rays

1. **LATERAL X-RAY: THAT T-SHAPED INSCRIPTION.** My observation of intact emulsion *over both sides* (where it *must* be absent on one side) of the T-shaped inscription on the left lateral skull X-ray provided *prima facie* proof that this X-ray must be a copy. That clearly means that (1) the *original* lateral X-ray is missing and (2) the door is thrown wide open to alteration (i.e., via a second exposure during copying). Surprisingly, no one (except for Chesser) has attempted to confirm my observation of intact emulsion (on both sides). Chad Zimmerman and Larry Sturdivan had that opportunity *after* my observation became public, but they ignored it. In my e-mails with Sturdivan, he seemed ignorant of that observation. Do take the film out of its protective envelope, so you can inspect the emulsion unobstructed by any intervening surface!
2. **LATERAL X-RAY: FOREHEAD.** Look for tiny metallic debris near the forehead. A loupe might be useful for this. Chesser also noticed a small hole in the forehead at this site, which suggests that a bullet had traversed the skull here. If necessary, review his presentation (cited below).

¹ Dr. Chesser and I have been exiled from our JFK searches at NARA!

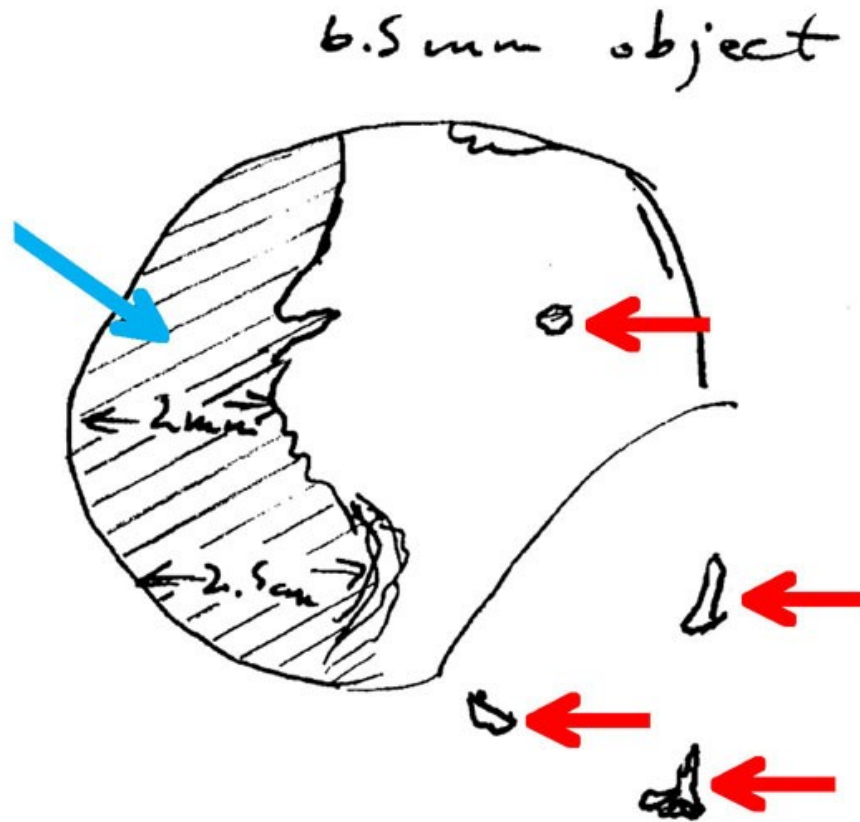
3. **BONE FRAGMENT X-RAYS.** There are three X-ray films of the bone fragments. Dr. Aguilar and I viewed these together many years ago. Three such films seems excessive. Is it possible that these three extra films were taken to replace those skull X-ray films that had been (illegally) discarded—so that the total number of X-ray films remained fixed at 14? Is it even possible that these three films (of bone fragments) are *identical* (in image content as well as overall optical density) to one another? If so, that would be even more suspicious. To check on this (for the first time—no one has ever done this), the films should simply be overlaid on a viewbox to determine whether their images match *precisely*. A side-by-side inspection should suffice for optical densities.
4. **THE METAL BRACE (in the X-rays).** I have never looked for the metal head brace (that's the one clearly seen in the photos) on the X-rays nor, apparently, has anyone else. Since the autopsy personnel never used such a metal brace, it would be useful to look for this on the X-ray films. Because it is metal, it really should show up. If it does not, that would also be powerful evidence of forgery—after all, we can clearly see it in the photos. In view of Horne's proposal that Knudsen took autopsy photographs with the metal head brace in position (apparently while *no* autopsy personnel were present), the presence of such a metal brace on the X-rays might shed further light on Horne's proposed timeline for Knudsen (*if* he was involved at all). This attempt might require a bright flashlight to illuminate darker areas of the X-ray film (behind JFK's head, as he lies supine).
5. **OPTICAL DENSITY.** NARA has its own densitometers; perhaps they would loan you one for a few minutes. Alternately, you can purchase your own (for as low as \$45) and bring it to NARA. I do not own one. See

http://www.ebay.com/sch/i.html?_nkw=densitometer+tobias

Even an amateur can learn how to use one in a few minutes. Actually the data need not be too extensive—even a few select data points inside the 6.5 mm object and inside the “white patches” could strongly confirm my data.

6. **LATERAL SKULL X-RAYS: Are these mercury droplets?** Observe the fuzzy edges of metal particles within the fragment trail. Now scrutinize the two small particles (superior to the right orbit) that Humes removed (i.e., *solid* metal). I would expect these latter edges to be quite sharp—and not fuzzy. What do you see—is there a difference in the sharpness of their borders?
7. **L-SPINE X-RAY.** Stare at the droplet of myelogram dye in the lumbar area—are its borders fuzzy? Are its edges similar to those on the fragment trail in the skull X-rays, or are the edges *sharp*—as in the tiny particles removed by Humes (superior to the right orbit)?
8. **THAT 6.5 mm FRAGMENT.** Identify several metal particles inside the 6.5 mm object (*use a loupe*). Sketch them! Also, identify the cross-hatched fragment shown just below.

Sketch it also. This fragment is the partner image of the fragment on the back of the lateral skull X-ray. Here is my sketch, as performed at NARA:



My sketch at the Archives of the 6.5 mm object, as seen with my very myopic (i.e., jeweler's) eyes. Notice the three fragments just outside of it, but especially another one (paradoxically) *inside* of it (red arrows). In addition, notice the original, authentic fragment (cross-hatched—blue arrow), which correlates with the small authentic fragment on the posterior skull on the lateral skull X-ray. That this cross-hatched object is seen *separately* from the rest of the 6.5 mm object is also a paradox—that should not happen. These two paradoxes are examples of the “phantom image” effect, sometimes produced deliberately in Hollywood via a double exposure. In the dark room, using X-ray films, someone had deliberately superimposed the 6.5 mm object (e.g., by exposing a hole in a piece of cardboard) over the pre-existing (authentic) cross-hatched fragment—thus causing the phantom effect.

Autopsy Photographs

1. **POSTERIOR SCALP: wet hair.** At NARA, two autopsy photographs of the posterior scalp (from a matched pair—of the transparencies) should be overlaid on a view box. If the images of the suspect (“wet” hair) area *perfectly align*, that would constitute powerful

evidence of photo-alteration. After all, two similar (but *not identical*) photographs should *NOT* precisely overlap.

2. **POSTERIOR SCALP: normal background.** Control areas of the films should also be extensively compared, just to see what non-identical (but stereo-matched) pairs look like. Surprisingly, no one has done this. In particular, because they are stereo pairs, the images in these other areas should *NOT* exactly overlap.
3. **BACK PHOTOS.** View the photos of JFK's left back and focus on the small "Dark Spot" (between the left 4th and 5th knuckles). Compare the companion photo (of the pair—the second member is not in the public domain) and note that this dark spot has disappeared. Instead, it is now a much lighter-colored spot—with a horizontal line through it! See my online JFK Lancer talk for further details about this:

http://www.assassinationscience.com/JFK_Skull_X-rays.htm

(See slide 64 there, or see the image on the last page here.)

Clothing

1. **JFK'S SHIRT AND JACKET:** Look for bullet holes in the front. Early news reports (which I have reviewed—using original newspapers) suggest that a bullet had entered JFK's mediastinum. I don't specifically recall looking for such bullet holes in the front of the jacket or shirt—that issue simply was not on my radar screen at the time. I suspect that there are no such holes, but at least an inspection of the shirt and jacket would put to rest such ideas. Curiously, James Jenkins (at the 2013 JFK Lancer) recalled a contusion at the top of JFK's *middle* lobe—so there is yet another reason to look for such holes!

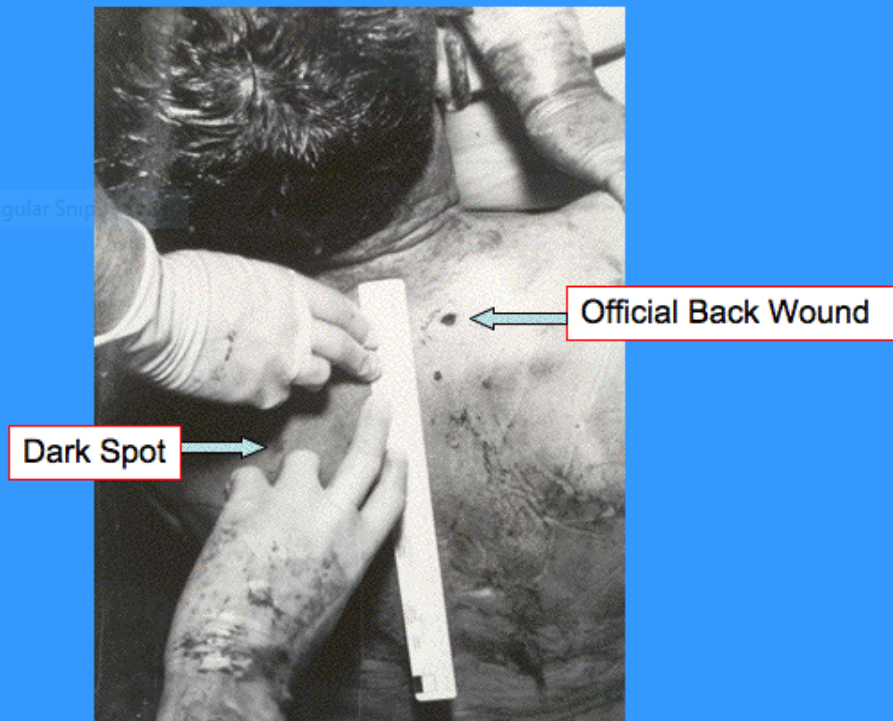
Ballistics

1. NIST image of CE-399. Does this bullet have the initials of Elmer Todd? You must examine the *physical* bullet at NARA—not images of it! Astronomer Steve Majewski and I missed seeing Todd's initials during our viewing in 1994 or 1995.

See this article: <https://www.washingtondecoded.com/site/2022/06/roe3.html>

Autopsy Photo of Back: the Strange Dark Spot

• Rectangular Snip



This dark spot likely has no intrinsic significance—but it has bizarre photographic features.

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MIKE CHESSER: [A Review of the JFK Cranial x-Rays and Photographs – Assassination of JFK](https://kennedysandking.com/john-f-kennedy-articles/the-application-of-forensic-principles-for-the-analysis-of-the-autopsy-skull-x-rays-of-president-kennedy-and-a-review-of-the-brain-photographs)

If you are interested, this is a link to a slide show which I [Chesser] prepared for a mock trial at the South Texas College of Law: <https://kennedysandking.com/john-f-kennedy-articles/the-application-of-forensic-principles-for-the-analysis-of-the-autopsy-skull-x-rays-of-president-kennedy-and-a-review-of-the-brain-photographs>.