

Corrections to Errors in *Solving the JFK Medical Evidence*.

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The following is a list of corrections to all the factual errors Matt Douthit and I made. In our documentary, *Solving the JFK Medical Evidence*. Including moments where we misspoke or improperly phrased our statements. I've also given additional context to them. For the benefit of laymen. They are in bold, numbered in the order they occur in the film. From beginning to end.

- 1.) President Kennedy was assassinated on **Friday November 22nd, 1963**, at 12:30pm. He had visited Dallas and other major Texas cities, as part of his reelection campaign. To bridge the divide in the state's Liberal/Conservative rivalry.
- 2.) While high velocity entrance wounds are small and exits are large, **medium-low velocity** exit and entries are **both small**. Usually, the velocity and caliber of the weapon dictates the wound's severity. Lee Harvey Oswald's alleged rifle [6.5 mm Mannlicher Carcano] had a medium muzzle velocity of 2,000 ft [feet] per second. High velocity weapons are 3,000 ft per second or more.
- 3.) When JFK's body arrived at Bethesda, **the sheets his head was wrapped in at Parkland Hospital** were removed. Then, the autopsy photographs and X-rays were taken.
- 4.) The autopsy report's measurement of the head exit wound would **actually be 5 1/8 in [inches]** in diameter.
- 5.) According to Dr. Humes' **interview with the *Journal of the American Medical Association* [JAMA] and ARRB testimony**, he had brief, prior experience with gunshot wounds. When he was stationed in Hawaii and San Diego, in the early 1950's.
- 6.) The drawing that Dr. J. Thornton Boswell **made of the head wound**, on the backside of the autopsy face sheet [body diagram], states it measured 10 cm [centimeters] wide by 17 cm long. The dimensions are drawn with dotted lines, while the fractures to JFK's eyes and Vomer [Nasal Bone] are straight lines. The other 10 cm mark, on the left side of the skull, represents a bone fragment that detached, and stuck to the underside of the scalp.
- 7.) **Most of the people** at Parkland Hospital agreed the head wound was in the back-right side of JFK's head [right Occipital]. Granted, others stated it was only the right side [right Temporo-Parietal], or both the right side and right-back [right Occipito-Parietal/Temporal].
- 8.) *Best Evidence* advances the theory that JFK's body was stolen from the coffin, aboard Air Force One. Then, **surgically altered**, prior to the autopsy. In order **to disguise and reverse the direction of the shots**. David Lifton based it on the alleged, "surgery of the head area." Mentioned in FBI agents Jim Sibert and Frank O'Neill's report. Plus, the statements of Navy personnel, who said his body arrived in a grey, metal shipping coffin and body bag. When he was wrapped in sheets and placed in an expensive, bronze colored, wooden coffin, at Parkland Hospital.

9.) The exit defect was **not localized to just the side, top, or back** of JFK's head. In reality, it **encompassed all 3 regions, on the right hemisphere** of his skull. Just above and behind his right ear. But, **after the skull collapsed, it extended into the entire top and right side**, in front of the ear. Ending above his hairline, at the forehead. The left hemisphere, midline [center], and front were 98% intact.

10.) The spray of JFK's blood, brain, and skull went **mostly upwards** in the air. But downwards, forwards, and backwards as well. Blatantly seen in the Zapruder, Muchmore, and Nix Films.

11.) The Moorman Photo was **taken approximately half a second after the headshot(s)**. Corresponding to Zapruder Film frame 315.

12.) The Dealey Plaza bystanders only saw the scalp/bone flap explosion, **in a matter of seconds, from a distance**. Whilst people in the Motorcade, at Parkland, and the autopsy **are more credible**. Given that they had several minutes or hours, to see the actual defect, up-close.

13.) According to author **Vince Palamara's list of earwitnesses**, in his 2021 book *Honest Answers*, 108-114 said shots came from the grassy knoll. Other researchers found between 51 to 84 witnesses.

14.) Lee Bowers **didn't tell his brother Monty he saw gunmen on the grassy knoll**. He did tell his co-workers and Priest he saw suspicious men and activity. But apparently never elaborated. In August 1966, Bowers died in a supposed car accident.

15.) If you've listened to the Police Dictabelt recording of the assassination, **you supposedly hear sounds that occur in the same sequence as the earwitnesses said the shots were fired**. While it's never been conclusively proven that those impulses are shots, it's still a topic of debate.

16.) James Fox was a **photographer**, in the Protective Research Section [PRS] of the Secret Service. He photographed the inside of the limousine, the night of the assassination.

17.) James Fox and Robert Knudsen **did not develop the autopsy photos**. They **supervised** the processing. Sandra Spencer and Vince Madonia of the Naval Photographic Center [NPC] developed the color pictures. While Fox made several sets of the Black and Whites.

18.) **Secret Service agent Robert Bouck** reportedly told Fox to make copies of the autopsy photos, because they'd, **"be history someday."**

19.) David Lifton got the Black and White autopsy photos **from radio journalist Mark Crouch**, through James Fox. **Not** from **Fox** himself. Fox let Crouch keep them, on the condition they not be released, until after his death.

20.) The set of Black and White photos Matt owns are **larger format**, than those in *Best Evidence*. Because, they're 8x10 inch prints. This same set was actually owned by autopsy witness Paul O'Connor.

21.) Under the **Deed of Gift agreement between the Kennedy Family and National Archives**, the autopsy photos were never to be made public. Only government investigators and scientific professionals can view the originals. With permission from the Family's attorney.

- 22.) The **Color autopsy photos** were published by Robert Groden. He made copies directly from the originals, when he was the HSCA's Photographic Consultant. Whereas James Fox kept 1 set of the Black and Whites.
- 23.) Groden published **3 Black and White and 5 Color autopsy photos**, in *JFK: Absolute Proof*. But he **colorized the remaining Black and Whites**. There are 9-15 pictures total, in the public domain. While the 38 originals remain in the National Archives. Minus the 14 alleged brain photos. Disturbingly, the original receipt, from April 1965, lists 36-37 Black and White pictures, and 27-55 Color. Today, there are 20 Color and 18 Black and White.
- 24.) The sheet wrapped **around Kennedy's waist** is fully visible, in Groden's copies of the "Top of the Head" photos. In other versions, it's cropped out.
- 25.) **Zapruder Film frame 372** is on the page after Groden's enlargement of the "Back Wound" photo (*JFK: Absolute Proof*, p. 182). **Groden mislabeled it as frame 375.**
- 26.) Despite the insistence of scholars on both sides of the assassination debate, we DO in fact see the head wound, in **some frames** of the Zapruder Film.
- 27.) Originally, both the FBI and Warren Commission **determined the 1st and 3rd shots hit JFK, while the 2nd wounded Texas Governor John Connally**. After eyewitness James Tague testified, **they had to say 1 of the shots missed, causing debris to scratch his cheek.**
- 28.) For those of you who've watched my Channel **since 2022**, you'll know I obtained the **tape recordings of the Parkland staff's first reactions** to the "Back of the Head" tracing. They were never digitized or public, until I requested them, from the JFK Library.
- 29.) **Dr. Robert McClelland speculated** the autopsists were covering the head wound, in the photo, by pulling a flap of scalp up. Dr. Adolph Giesecke was the first to suggest it, 7 years earlier.
- 30.) Allegedly, the purpose of pulling the scalp up was to **show how JFK's head looked before death**, or to demonstrate the entrance wound.
- 31.) The point **I'm trying to make** at 55:52-56:26, is that if part of JFK's skull was still missing after the embalming, then the "Back of the Head" photos are **LIKELY** forgeries. It would also account for where the "Harper Fragment" came from.
- 32.) **Embalmer Tom Robinson and Funeral Director Joe Hagan** both saw the laceration in JFK's right-forehead. As did Drs. Boswell and Robert Karnei.
- 33.) The autopsy report describes the forehead laceration as beginning at the, "**anterior** [forward/front] **Parietal margin**" of the exit defect. It cannot be an incision. Because, in high resolution copies of the "Right Superior Profile" photo, it has jagged edges. Furthermore, it **MATCHES** the location of a fracture, in the AP [anterior-posterior] skull X-ray. Incisions don't go as deep as the bone. Only the skin and muscle.
- 34.) William Bruce Pitzer was a Navy **Lieutenant Commander**, who ran Bethesda's **Film/TV Department**. According to his friend Dennis David, he [Pitzer] possessed a secret film of JFK's autopsy, that has since disappeared. In October 1966, Pitzer allegedly committed suicide.

- 35.) There are only **2 X-rays of JFK's skull publicly available**. But 3 total, in the National Archives. Except, X-ray technician Jerrol Custer and Radiologist Dr. John Ebersole stated at least 5 were taken.
- 36.) The autopsy X-rays **were first published in 1979. In Volume 7** of the HSCA's report.
- 37.) Doug Horne was the ARRB's **Chief Analyst for Military Records**. Responsible for obtaining assassination related files from the Department of Defense, Office of Naval Intelligence, etc.
- 38.) The ARRB's job was to **find, study, and declassify previously secret assassination documents**. Between 1993 and 1998, as mandated by the JFK Records Collection Act. That law ruled that ALL assassination records were to be public, 25 years from the date of its passage [October 26th, 2017]. Presidents Trump and Biden refused to oblige. Citing the disclosure as a National Security threat. Notwithstanding the fact nearly everyone connected with the case is deceased.
- 39.) Optical Densitometry **measures the amount of light absorbed by a photographic element**, to determine that element's density.
- 40.) Dr. David Mantik **originally believed the "White Patch" of bright and dense bone was forged** onto the right lateral skull X-ray. In order **to cover-up the head wound**. As of 2018-2021, he has modified his opinion.
- 41.) No one from the autopsy saw bullet fragments anywhere in JFK's body, **other than his skull**. Most were unanimous that **the skull was the only place fragments were found**. Officially, 2 were removed, but the X-rays show dozens. Which were either secretly removed and disappeared, or were buried with the body. Dennis David and Tom Robinson recalled being shown 4-10 fragments, which were never officially reported.
- 42.) Based on Dr. Mantik's **Optical Density measurements of the original X-rays**, he concluded bone was missing in the posterior [behind/rear] skull. Because the data points were abnormally high there. He's since clarified it's too far to the rear to be visible.
- 43.) Dr. Michael Chesser hypothesized that the **triangular artifact, above JFK's right External Auditory Process [ear canal]**, was an entry wound. From 1 of the 3 proposed headshots. Nevertheless, there is no hard, forensic evidence of this. Since there's no fractures, beveling, or bullet fragments at that spot.
- 44.) Dr. Chesser claimed **there were 3 entry wounds**, in the lateral X-ray. Hence why he, Dr. Mantik, and Horne believe there were 3 headshots.
- 45.) Most witnesses **at the autopsy missed the rear-head entry wound**. Likely because it was obscured by JFK's hair.
- 46.) Drs. Grossman and Jenkins **didn't miss seeing the rear-head entry wound**. They did report having seen it. As did Secret Service agent Roy Kellerman and others.
- 47.) Pro and anti-conspiracy defenders alike argue that the "Red Spot" is **not visible in the "Back Wound" photo(s)**.

48.) Dr. Humes told the ARRB that while the “Red Spot” did, **“seem to be” the entry wound, it was, “really not discernible.”** However, **he posited that the semicircle on the skull, beside the ruler in the “Mystery Photo,” was likely the entry wound.** Albeit, **“Without major conviction.”** He later wrote to General Counsel Jeremy Gunn, “I most firmly believe...the wound was exactly where I measured it to be in relation to the External Occipital Protuberance. After all that was my direct observation...and I believe it to be far more reliable than...a photograph which is subject to various interpretations.”

49.) A major issue that **both the Warren Commission and HSCA ignored** is that if the entrance wound was low in the back of JFK’s head, **then the shot likely came from a lower angle, to enter there.** Not the 6th Floor of the Texas School Book Depository [TSBD]. Which was 60 feet above ground level, 15 degrees downward.

50.) Josiah Thompson **didn’t** conceive JFK’s forward head movement was caused by camera blurring. Researchers **David Wimp and Art Snyder did**, and brought it to Thompson’s attention, in 2003.

51.) While I failed to explain how a rear headshot could’ve entered low and exited high, it was **PROBABLY deflected off the roof of the skull.** Yet, given the bullet was traveling right to left, **it would’ve more likely exited the left-front** of JFK’s head. As the animation at 52:05 and 1:37:45 depicts. Though, admittedly, there’s no evidence of an assassin in the left-rear.

52.) In the Dictabelt recording, there’s an **apparent delay between the last two sounds** that Conspiracy defenders argue are the shots. **The pause I was referring to occurs well before the time of the assassination.** I previously thought those sounds were shots, because they sounded like “pops.”

53.) Though **the middle of the “Red Spot” is even with the top of JFK’s right ear, the superior [top] and inferior [bottom] margins of it are not.** Further, the External Occipital Protuberance [EOP] is not aligned with the top of the ear. But rather, the right Mastoid Process. In other words, the entry wound is neither where the autopsy report, nor the Clark Panel, and HSCA located it. ASSUMING the back of JFK’s head was intact.

54.) Dr. Pierre Finck told the HSCA’s Forensic Pathology Panel that, “It is **more accurate to determine an anatomical location** when you have the wound itself on the dead body.” In reference to both the clarity of the autopsy photos, and his inability to locate the EOP in them.

55.) When HSCA Deputy Chief Counsel **Gary Cornwell** informed Dr. Humes **the Panel disagreed with him on the entry wound’s location**, he [Humes] replied, “I have a little trouble with that.”

56.) Technically, the “Mystery Photo” depicts **the outside of JFK’s skull, looking inwards.** Given that you see the scalp reflected [peeled off], a drainage hole and specimen jar on the autopsy table, and POSSIBLY the back wall of the room. Still, the autopsy surgeons were ADAMANT they took pictures of BOTH the exterior and interior of the skull. And that the interior photograph showed the beveled tunnel [bone path] of the fatal bullet. No such tunnel is observable in the “Mystery Photo.”

- 57.) Despite nobody agreeing on the orientation of the “Mystery Photo,” **we showed it vertically, because that’s how it was published**, in *Best Evidence*. As well as the “Back Wound” and “Back of the Head” photos.
- 58.) The ruler is actually present **in 3-7 of the pictures. The “Back Wound,” the “Back of the Head,” and “Mystery Photo.”**
- 59.) The ruler markings are **only visible in the “Back Wound” photos**. Because they’re in focus and the camera’s exposure is normal.
- 60.) In the **tape of Drs. Humes and Boswell’s HSCA interview, Panelist Charles Petty points out the 2 cm mark [pink line] is even with the top of the “Red Spot.”** Rather than the top of the ruler itself [green line]. When asked, Humes stated the ruler was used as a size scale. Rather than measuring the dimensions of the wounds. Logically, if it was measuring them, it would be present in ALL of the photos.
- 61.) The reason I don’t believe that **the ruler was measuring anything** is the fact it's not aligned with the wounds. Plus the fact John Stringer, Earl McDonald, **and Floyd Riebe said it would normally display the autopsy number.**
- 62.) **Drs. Mantik, Boswell, Chesser, and Robert Kirschner observed** what they identified as **part of JFK’s open chest and abdomen**, in the original picture. Which would mean it was taken after the autopsy began, and the “Y incision” was made. To remove the abdominal organs.
- 63.) I hypothesized that **the back of JFK’s left ear and cheek** were seen in the background of the extant “Mystery Photo.” Placing the camera behind and to the left of the skull, with his face turned away. Except, when I overlaid my skull model onto the picture, I found the missing bone was on the left side [image at 2:00:21-2:00:34]. Thus, my orientation was in error.
- 64.) If the “Mystery Photo” is **oriented vertically, the object I pointed out can’t be JFK’s ear**. Because, it's too close, anatomically, to the alleged eyelash/eyebrow hairs. Withal, **MAYBE** the loose scalp caused it to move.
- 65.) When Humes, Boswell, Ebersole, and Stringer **first viewed and inventoried the autopsy photos**, in November 1966, **they described the “Mystery Photo” as JFK’s posterior skull**. Because that’s where the entry wound was. Curiously, in their detailed report on the photos and X-rays, from January 1967, they added it displayed the exit wound. Contradicting their testimony that they couldn’t find the precise exit point, until the bone fragments from the limo arrived. When the autopsy ended. It was the “Delta Fragment” that contained the other half of the exit. As there’s an externally-beveled semicircle and bullet debris on the corner.
- 66.) Logically, **if the “Top of the Head” photos do depict the defect as it was, before the autopsy began, then the open scalp and exposed brain shouldn’t be present. It should be blown away.** On the other hand, it’s equally possible that the wound’s being hidden. By the hair, scalp, and metal head-brace. In fact, you can see the middle of the brace inside the head. Therefore, the autopsy photos indirectly prove the UPPER-right side of the back of JFK’s head was gone. Meaning, they’re indeed authentic. Except the “Back of the Head” photos.

- 67.) The autopsy report states the neck wound/tracheotomy was, “**a 6.5 cm [2 ½ in] long transverse [horizontal] wound** with widely gaping irregular edges.”
- 68.) Though **Dr. Perry’s Warren Commission testimony** says the neck wound was “**between 3 and 5 cm,**” it should say **mm [millimeters]**. So, the stenographer likely made a typo. **He and his colleagues estimated it was at least 5 mm, before the tracheostomy.** NOT afterwards. While the incision was 1-2 inches.
- 69.) While Parkland **nurses Doris Nelson and Patricia Hutton [Gustafson] didn’t see the neck wound**, before the tracheostomy, **they commented the incision looked abnormally large, in the “Stare of Death” photo.**
- 70.) Dr. Charles Baxter **told JAMA** that the tracheotomy’s size and appearance in the autopsy photos was, “very compatible” with his observation. It was **Dr. Richard Dulany** who **told Harrison Livingstone** in *High Treason 2*, “It looks pretty much like what I saw.”
- 71.) Dr. McClelland said in the **1988 NOVA documentary** [*Who Shot President Kennedy?*] that the tracheotomy in the photos looked the same as he remembered.
- 72.) Paul O’Connor told David Lifton of the tracheotomy, “**There was nothing. The esophagus was laid open.**”
- 73.) Dr. Finck testified at the **[Jim] Garrison/[Clay] Shaw Trial** that **he didn’t remember who ordered him to not dissect the neck wound.** Still, there were Generals and Admirals limiting the scope of the autopsy.
- 74.) Dr. Boswell told both **the HSCA and ARRB that Admiral Burkley** was indeed **giving orders** to the autopsy surgeons about what not to do, and pressuring them.
- 75.) Not only were **Humes and Boswell** inconsistent with Finck, about the time and place of the “I am [in charge]” incident, they **never mentioned it, prior to their JAMA interview and ARRB testimonies.** So, they obviously fabricated it, in response to the *JFK* movie.
- 76.) In order to fully understand the JFK assassination, it’s best to **study all the evidence you can, and draw your own conclusions.** Based on what you learn. In other words, be open minded and objective. But stick to the facts, and be cautious of misinformation. On BOTH sides. Primary sources are always the most reliable.

Thank you. Regards,
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