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MEMORANDUM

TO: Belford Lawson, Patricia Orr
FROM: Andy Purdy
DATE: January 14, 1977
SUBJECT: Chronology of Events at Parkland Hospital

Arrival. Approximately 12:35 p.m.

1. Youngblood (2 H 151)
2. Hill (2 H 141)
3. O'Donnell (7 H 450)
4. Carter (7 H 475)

Emergency area notified and trauma rooms one and two prepared.

1. Delores Nelson (6 H 144)
2. Ruth J. Standridge (6 H 116)

(Doctors Present)

1. Carrico (3 H 363)
2. Perry (3 H 369-371)

Governor Connally placed on stretcher and moved into trauma room two. Standridge (6 H 116). President

Kennedy placed on stretcher and taken to trauma room one. 12:38 - 12:40 p.m.

1. Kellerman (2 H 79), Greer (2 H 124), Lawson (4 H 354)
2. Nelson: stretcher removed from trauma room when Kennedy

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Helen Guycion, a patient bleeding from the mouth, arrives at emergency room. 12:38 (21 H 156)

Some stretchers were in the entrance to the operating room area and one was moved back to minor medicine.

Richards (21 H 226)

12:40 - 12:55 til 1:00 p.m. Connally in emergency room approximately fifteen to twenty minutes before being transferred to the operating room on the second floor.

(6 H 127)

President Kennedy examined and treated.

1. Wounds examined, including: back wound, front neck wound. (3 H 358, 361-362) Carrico.
2. Perry performed a tracheotomy in the vicinity of a wound. (3 H 368-370)
3. Lark, who most closely observed the head wound, saw a large gaping wound in the rear of the President's head. (6 H 20)

Approximately 1:00 p.m., President Kennedy was pronounced dead.

1:00 p.m. anesthesia was begun on Connally. C.D. 379.

Around 1:00 p.m. Tomlinson comes on duty at elevator
(6 H 129).

Around 1:00 O. P. Wright was notified that a casket would arrive soon. (21 H 230)

12:55 - 1:10 p.m. Sharon Tuohy sees bullet on stretcher.

After 1:00 p.m., Connally arrives in operating room.

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Last rights approximately 1:00 p.m.

Father Oscar L. Huber was "not present" when death was announced. XXI at 160; Price exhibit No. 7. More than one priest were observed by Clark (3 H 25). According to Joe Shankles, Price Exhibit No. 29 (XXI at 233), Father Huber arrived shortly after the President's death.

Connally was taken from trauma room two to the elevator to the second floor operating room. Standridge (6 H 116-117). On the second floor the stretcher was wheeled to just outside the operating room area, and Connally was placed on an operating room table and taken into the operating room. A hospital attendant wheeled the empty stretcher to the elevator. Jane C. Wester (6 H 121-122).

Connally Gimison says no other stretchers were placed on the elevator after the one which had been used for Gov. Connally. (6 H 125)

Tomlinson, senior engineer at Parkland, removed a stretcher from the elevator and placed it in the corridor on the ground floor, along side a stretcher unconnected with the care of Gov. Connally. (6 H 129-131)

1:35 p.m. Gov. Connally operation begun by Dr. Shaw.
(5 H 63-64).

1:40 p.m. casket arrived. Rowley (18 H 814)

1:40 p.m. Kennedy placed in casket. Rowley (18 H 814)

President Kennedy was on his back throughout the time he was in Parkland Hospital until the time he was placed in the casket. Carrico (3

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(6 H 25). Henchcliffe (6 H 141), Nelson (6 H 145).

After Kennedy was removed from the stretcher, it was taken across the hall. Nelson (6 H 145-146), Henchcliffe (6 H 142), Bowron (6 H 137-138)

1:45 - 1:50 p.m. Tomlinson discovers bullet. (6 H 129)
Pool says he is with Tomlinson at the time the bullet was discovered, recalling that he arrived at the elevator at approximately 1:15 p.m., and after performing a few duties, found the bullet.

Otis elevator men observed.

1. Wright: priest was taken to see Mrs. Connally via the emergency room elevator, operated by an Otis elevator man (21 H 194).
2. Otis elevator operators were told that they needn't continue holding the elevator. Landregan (21 H 163).

2:10 p.m. Kennedy departed from emergency room.

Nelson (21 H 242).

There were other individuals whose activities are worthy of note.

1. Arnold Fuller (#24745), a two-and-a-half year old child was admitted into the emergency room at 12:54 p.m. and was bleeding profusely. References to this child can be found in the testimonies of Joe Richards (21 H 226) Triage orderly, Shirley Randall (21 H 218) an aide, Era Lumpkin (21 H 208-209) an aide, Majors (21 H 220), and Sanders (21 H 228).
2. Secret Service agent Andrew Berger (18 H 795) said he had to physically restrain an unidentified man who claimed to be a CIA agent in his efforts to gain admittance to the trauma room where President Kennedy was being treated.
3. There was t
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Chain of custody of the bullet (CE 399) found at Parkland Hospital. Bullet was apparently found by Pool and Tomlinson; it was turned over to O.P. Wright (Security Director of Parkland); Wright turned the bullet over to Secret Service Johnson (sic) who hand-carried it to Washington, D.C.; Johnson turned the bullet over to Secret Service Chief Rowley; Rowley gave the bullet to Elmer Todd of the FBI laboratory; the bullet was tested in the FBI lab by Robert Frazier. According to Josiah Thompson, writing In Six Seconds in Dallas, p. 228, the report of the FBI agent who showed Tomlinson and Wright CE399 indicates that while neither could positively identify 399 as the bullet they had in their possession on Nov. 22, they believed it was very similar to it. Thompson says that Wright told him in November of 1966 that the bullet he had handled had a pointed tip like the .30 caliber unfired bullet he showed him. Thompson says that when Wright was shown photographs of CE's 399, 572, and 606 he said none of those resembled the bullet Tomlinson had found on the stretcher. Thompson says Wright again rejected the picture of 399 as the bullet he had seen in the presence of two witnesses a half hour later. Thompson says Tomlinson's recollection of bullet shapes was not very clear and he could only say that the bullet resembled either CE572 or the pointed .30 caliber bullet.

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