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AUTOPSY PROTOCOL

Name: WHITMAN, Charles Joseph; Race: WM 23; Case No.: MLS-624966

Time of autopsy: August 2; 1966; 8:55 AM

Autopsy performed at: Cook Funeral Home

Autopsy authorized by:

Judge Jerry A. Dellana Justice of the Peace Ex-Officio Coroner, Travis County

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External Examination: "

Proportionally developed, well nourished body of the muscular type. The hair is light yellowish brown. The skin is rather pale, with a tan pigmentation on exposed areas. The pupils are round, moderately widened and equal. The visible mucous membranes, after previously completed embalming, are pale. Deeply in the nasal and pharyngeal cavities, a layer of clotted blood is visible. Dentition is well preserved. Rigor mortis, after injection, is present; lividity is absent.

Injuries: Head: Between the eyes, across the nose, are three entry holes of pellets; two more around the left eye and three in the left temporal region.

Neck and Chest: On the left side of the neck, around the collar bone, are four penetrations; two on the right side at the same level; one in the left 4th intercostal space close to the sternum bone (at the center of the heart); and four in the left axillary region. One, under the arm, is of larger diameter, close to 1 cm.

Left shoulder and Arm: Around the shoulder, about a dozen of grazing or penetrating injuries. The left arm bone (humerus) is severely destroyed by several large caliber penetrations, the arm is shortened and swollen, deformed.

Internal Examination:

The blood is clotted in all blood vessels and chambers of the heart, after the complete injection. WHITMAN, Charles Joseph

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The skull is unusually thin, 2 to 4 mm. Over the hemispheres of the brain, there is no change, however, on the left deep temporal region and in the anterior and median thirds of the base of the skull, there are numerous lines of fractures. The lower half of the temporal bone is splintered; the frontal, temporal and sphenoidal bones over the eyes show a 'network' of fracture lines. - Under the outer covering membrane of the brain is an extensive bleeding, originating from ruptured venous sinuses and arteries. - The brain is symmetrically developed, without anomalies. The left frontal and temporal lobes are partially destroyed by penetrating bone pieces, some of those reach the posterior regions. The cerebrospinal fluid is mixed with blood. The ventricles are symmetrical. In the middle part of the brain, above the red nucleus, in the white matter below the gray center thalamus, is a fairly well outlined tumor about 2x1.5x1 cm in dimensions, grayish-yellow, with peripheral areas of red as blood.

The organs of the neck, besides injuries in the region, are unchanged. The level of the diaphragm is at the 6th rib on the right and above the 4th rib on the left side.

Circulatory Organs: The covering membranes of the heart are smooth, the cavity is filled with blood, originating from a pebetrating wound into the right ventricle, around which the heart muscle is hemorrhagic. The heart is collapsed, its inner membrane and valves are smooth, the coronary arteries, aorta and large arteries are unchanged.

Respiratory Organs: The lining membrane of the right chest cavity is smooth, there is no fluid. The lung contains a diminished amount of blood; the tracheo-bronchial channels are filled with frothy blood. The left chest cavity contains some 50 ml of blood and a considerable amount of air, originating from the lateral aspect of the lobes which were penetrated by projectiles. Several areas of both lobes are hemorrhagic, so are all the air channels.

Abdomen: The lining membrane is smooth, the cavity contains embalming fluid mixed with blood and gastrointestinal contents, after cavity embalming. Besides perforations by the embalming instrument, the stomach and intestines show no change. The spleen is of average size, the capsule is corrugated, due to some loss of blood. - The liver is proportionally large, its capsule is smooth, its inner matter is pale brownish-yellow, with decreased amount of blood. The gall bladder is unchanged. - The pancreas and suprarenal glands are unchanged. - The kidneys are relatively large, their surface is smooth, both cortex and medulla are wide, with some congestion along the borderline of the two layers. The bladder and reproductive organs show no pathological change. WHITMAN, Charles Joseph

Histological Findings: The tumor of the brain is composed of elements of the connective tissue of the brain (glia) and of blood vessels of enlarged calibers. Some of these blood vessels have thick walls, others thin ones, with defective construction of the layers and microscopically small bleedings into the surrounding intercellular spaces, however, only a dozen or less red blood cells enteres those spaces around. The cells are rather small, round or elongated, with a small amount of cytoplasm and mostly well staining nucleus. The chromatin substance of the nucleus is well organized, round or somewhat elongated ord in some places, vesicular. Cell divisions occur only very exceptionally, indicating a minimual level of activity, just on the borderline to malignant formations. There are areas of cell death (necrosis), surrounded by a fence-like arrangement (palisade formation) of elongated cells.

Diagnosis: Fatal injuries to the head and to the heart. Additional finding: a small brain tumor in the white matter above the brain stem, composed of connective tissue elements of the brain, mixed with numerous enlarged blood vessels; no evidence of malignantly fast growth, but that of partial tissue death, necrosis. (Astrocytoma). No correlation to psychosis or permanent pains.

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Regarding this offense, proceeded to the University area and tried to obtain ahigh powered rifle. Obtained two rifles on two different occasions and obtained three boxes of 30.06 ammunition and one box of 30.30 ammunition from <u>EVERETT HARDWARE COMPANY 2820 Guadalupe</u>. This hardwared company has not been reimbursed for the ammunition. After attemempting to shoot the subject from several locations, ascertained that I was too shakey to do any good and gave the weapons back to their owners.

On hearing from the radio sispatcher that officers were needed at the University of Police Security Office, to go up in the University Tower, proceeded to that location where I was met by Sgt. Barr of the U.T. Police. While at the security office, saw Officers Moe, Conner, Shoquist and Shepard drive up and told them to follow Sgt. Barr in a U.T. Unit.

MR. WILLIAM M. WILCOX. 3109 Beverly. escorted these officers through tunnels into the U. T. Tower where <u>MR. FRANK HOLDEN 6917 Langston</u> took these officers up on the elevator to the 27th floor where Officer Jerry Day and MR. W. A. COWAN of DPS, told these officers that Officer M. Martinez and a MR. ALLAN CRUMP of the University CoOp, were up inside the room which is surrounded by the Tower observatory, where the sniper was.

Officer J. Day and this officer proceeded up the stairs to where Officer Martinex and CRUMP were while the other officers removed two wounded and two dead civilians subjects at the bottom of the stairs.

After entering the room, this officer followed Officer Martinez out of the room onto the observatory walk around, going through a door on the south side. Officer Martinez with this office following, crawled on the south prt of the walk around to the south east corner and started crawling northward on the east part of the walk around. MR. ALLAN CRUMP and Officer J. Day guarded the south part of the walk around to make certain the sniper did not come behind this officer and Officer Martinez.

At the northeast corner, this officer saw Officer Martinex level his 38 special and commence firing. This officer heard a shot come from the area where he later saw the sniper. This officer stepped around

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the corner and commended firing this 12 guage shotgun, APD #19, firing off two rounds, both of which are believed to have hit the sniper in the head. The sniper was first observed in a sitting position with a Carbine rifle pointing in the direction of this officer and Officer Martinex. The weapon seemed to be falling and the subject seemed to be sliding into a laying, on his back position. After this officer had fired two rounds, Officer Martinez grabbed this officer's shotgun and fired one round at the subject.

Proceeded to the subject and ascertained that he was dead, whereupon Officer Martinex waved a light green towel that was laying nearby the subject, so as to notify police and vicilians to cease firing at the Tower.

Officer Martinex then proceeded to find a telephone or radio to notify the APD to notify radio stations to announce for everyone to cease fire.

This officer stayed by the sniper's body until CID help arrived.

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