

*Kennedy*INVESTIGATION INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

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Identifying Information:

Name Dr. Marion T. Jenkins Date 11/10/77  
 Address Parkland Hospital Place Parkland Memorial Hospital  
 City/State Dallas, Texas Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ M or S \_\_\_\_\_  
 Social Security \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_  
 Children \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Description:

Height \_\_\_\_\_ Color Eyes \_\_\_\_\_ Hair \_\_\_\_\_  
 Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Special Characteristics \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ethnic Group \_\_\_\_\_

Personal History:

- a. Present Employment: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Criminal Record  
 1. Arrests \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Convictions \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Personal Information:

- a. Relative(s): Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Area frequented: \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

Investigator Andy PurdyDate 12/10/77

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NAME Dr. Marion T. Jenkins Date 11/10/77 Time 4:50  
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Interview: By: Andy Purdy, Esq.

Dr. Jenkins (anesthesiologist) was one of the first doctors into the Parkland trauma room where the President was. He said the President's thick shock of hair largely covered up the head wound. However, Dr. Jenkins was positioned at the head of the table so he had one of the closest views of the head wound (believes he was " . . . the only one who knew the extent of the head wound.") His location was customary for an anesthesiologist.

Dr. Jenkins said he knew the President was non-resuscitable from his experience with many similar injuries (with the exception of the head injury). He noticed that blood gushed out of the head with each cardiac massage compression.

Dr. Jenkins said he bears the responsibility for the postponement in the determination that the President had expired. Because the President was his patient, he used an artificial respirator in spite of his professional determination that he was non-resuscitable.

Dr. Jenkins said he turned to a priest standing nearby and asked him what the Catholic Church's position is regarding what constitutes death and when the last rites must be administered.

Interviewer

*Andy Purdy*  
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tered. He was told they must be given within two hours of a medical determination of death.

Regarding the head wound, Dr. Jenkins said that only one segment of bone was blown out -- it was a segment of occipital or temporal bone. He noted that a portion of the cerebellum (lower rear brain) was hanging out from a hole in the right -- rear of the head.

During the emergency medical procedures, Mrs. Kennedy came in the room and gave Dr. Jenkins a piece of the President's brain. Mrs. Kennedy, the priest, and Dr. Jenkins were the last three people to leave the trauma room.

Dr. Jenkins attempted to explain (on his own initiative) Dr. McClelland's Warren Commission testimony that the President had a wound of the left temple. He said McClelland did not personally see the wound and misinterpreted Dr. Jenkins' feeling the President's left temple for a pulse as indicating there was a wound there.