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4 Warren Commission -- autopsy notes.

The only pertinent testimony is that of Dr. Humes (2 H 372-74), and the pertinent exhibits are CE 387 and 397.

As best I can make out, the steps in the process were as follows:

- 4 1. During the course of the autopsy, late Friday night, November 22, 1963, Dr. Humes and either Dr. Finck or Dr. Boswell both made notes on two pieces of paper. Those two pieces of paper are now the last two pages of CE 397. (2 H 373)
- 4 2. At some time, probably during Saturday or Sunday, November 23 or 24, Dr. Humes spoke by long distance telephone to Dr. Perry and made notes about the conversation. Dr. Perry was one of the doctors who worked on the President in Dallas. These notes are now the first page of CE 397. (2 H 372-73)
- 4 3. In his own home early on the morning of Sunday, November 24, Dr. Humes, using the foregoing notes and his memory of the event, made a first rough draft of the autopsy report in his own handwriting. (2 H 373)
- 4 4. Later that same morning in "an office" he made his final handwritten draft of the autopsy report. (2 H 374) This office apparently was in his home. (Compare 2 H 373 with 2 H 374) This final handwritten draft of the autopsy is now the 15 pages of CE 397 following the first page of that exhibit. (2 H 373)

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5. Later on Sunday, November 24, Dr. Humes burned his first rough draft of the autopsy report -- those pieces of paper reflected in paragraph three above -- in the fireplace in his recreation room at his home. (2 H 373)
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6. At some later time, presumably Monday, November 25, Dr. Humes handed his handwritten copy of the autopsy report to a typist, and the final typewritten copy was made. This typewritten copy is now CE 387. (2 H 373)

I checked by telephone with Mr. Marion Johnson of Archives who told me that he knew of nothing other than CE 387 and 397 that might be the autopsy report or notes or drafts related thereto.