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\*\*\* BEGIN MESSAGE 33 \*\*\* SERIAL= UDN=V03(16990) CLASS=UNCLASSIFIED LEY272 REULB R I BC-USA-KENNEDY 10-05 0381 BC-USA-KENNEDY (EMEARGOED) KENNEDY PATHOLOGIST DISMISSES CONSPIRACY THEORY (EDS: RELEASE AT 1600 GNT MONDAY OCT 5) CHICAGO, OCT 5, REUTER - A PATHOLOGIST WHO PERFORMED AN AUTOPSY ON JOHN F. KENNEDY DISMISSED CONSPIRACY THEORIES ON MONDAY, SAYING HE AGREED WITH TWO COLLEAGUES THAT THE PRESIDENT WAS KILLED BY TWO BULLETS FIRED FROM ABOVE AND BEHIND. SINCE KENNEDY:S DEATH ON NOVEMBER 22, 1963, PEOPLE HAVE SPECULATED MORE THAN ONE GUNMAN MAY HAVE BEEN INVOLVED AND HE WAS SHOT FROM BOTH THE FRONT AND REAR. SUCH THEORIES HAVE BEEN MOST RECENTLY FUELLED BY THE FILM JFK.:: BUT IN AN INTERVIEW IN THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION JOURNAL, PIERRE FINCK SAYS: WE GOT IT RIGHT IN 1963 AND IT STILL STANDS IN 1992... THERE WERE TWO BULLETS STRIKING FROM BEHIND, AND THERE IS NO EVIDENCE OF ANY WOUNDS FROM THE FRONT .:: THE SWISS-BORN FINCK WAS A U.S. ARMY LIEUTENANT COLONEL AT THE TIME OF KENNEDY:S ASSASSINATION. HE PARTICIPATED IN THE AUTOPSY AT THE U.S. NAVAL MEDICAL CENTRE IN BETHESDA, MARYLAND, WITH U.S. NAVY PATHOLOGISTS JAMES HUMES AND THORNTON BOSWELL. FINCK:S REMARKS TALLY WITH THE WARREN COMMISSION WHICH INVESTIGATED THE SHOOTING AND WITH HUMES AND BOSWELL, WHO BROKE A 24-YEAR SILENCE IN AN INTERVIEW IN THE SAME JOURNAL LAST MAY. THE AMA SAID IT DID NOT INTERVIEW FINCK THEN. FINCK, WHO NOW LIVES IN GENEVA, SAID: I EXAMINED THE WOUNDS WITH MY OWN EYES. THE FATAL WOUND WAS FRIGHTENING -- 13 CENTIMETRES ACROSS AT ITS WIDEST. IT WAS VERY OEVIOUS THAT IT CAME FROM THE BACK AND EXITED THE FRONT .:: FINCK SAID HE HAD NOT SEEN JFK:: BUT HE UNDERSTOOD THE FILM GOT ONLY TWO THINGS RIGHT -- THE DATE AND THE VICTIM. ALL THESE FANTASIES AND ADD-ONS CREATE FICTION, NOT HISTORY. THE DANGER IS THAT THE FICTION WIL BE MISTAKEN FOR HISTORY, :: HE SAID. GEORGE LUNDBERG, EDITOR OF THE JOURNAL, SAID IN AN EDITORIAL THE COMMENTS OF THE THREE PATHOLOGISTS SHOULD CLOSE THE DOOR ON THE WOUND DISCUSSION. I CAN STATE WITHOUT RESERVATION THAT JOHN F. KENNEDY WAS STRUCK AND KILLED BY TWO AND ONLY TWO BULLETS FIRED FROM ONE HIGH-VELOCITY RIFLE, :: HE SAID. THE AMA JOURNAL ALSO SAID IT COULD NOW BE OFFICIALLY STATED KENNEDY SUFFERED FROM ADDISON:S DISEASE, A POTENTIALLY FATAL THOUGH TREATABLE CONDITION THAT MIGHT HAVE HAD A BIG IMPACT ON KENNEDY:S CLOSE ELECTION VICTORY IN 1960 HAD VOTERS BEEN TOLD. UNCLASSIFIED