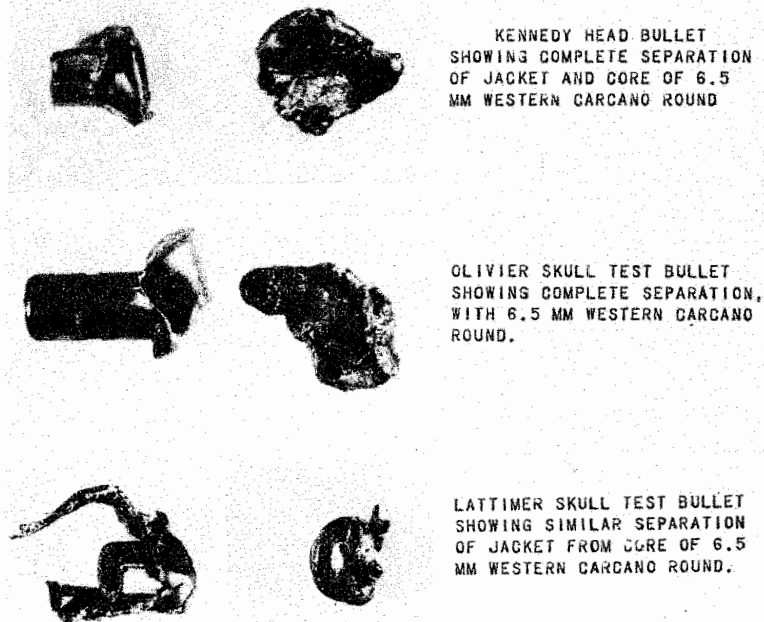


BULLETS RECOVERED FROM
SIMULATIONS OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S
FATAL HEAD WOUND



KENNEDY HEAD BULLET
SHOWING COMPLETE SEPARATION
OF JACKET AND CORE OF 6.5
MM WESTERN CARCANO ROUND

OLIVIER SKULL TEST BULLET
SHOWING COMPLETE SEPARATION,
WITH 6.5 MM WESTERN CARCANO
ROUND.

LATTIMER SKULL TEST BULLET
SHOWING SIMILAR SEPARATION
OF JACKET FROM CORE OF 6.5
MM WESTERN CARCANO ROUND.

**SKULL
BULLETS**

Top: The two largest fragments of the bullet that struck Kennedy in the head and separated into an empty copper jacket, left, and the lead core, right. Both fragments bore markings from the rifling of Oswald's rifle, showing that they were fired from this rifle, to the exclusion of all other rifles. Both fragments were found in the front-seat area of the presidential automobile, apparently having struck the inside of the windshield and its frame at greatly reduced velocities before dropping. Other tiny fragments were found in the President's brain case and on the floor under the jump seats of the automobile. Neutron activation tests showed that these all came from this same bullet that struck the President's head. Still other fragments are assumed to have flown over the windshield and struck the ground or pavement ahead of the car.

Middle: Pair of fragments showing complete separation of the jacket and the lead core of one of the bullets fired by Olivier of the Aberdeen Proving Grounds into human skulls in an effort to reproduce Kennedy's wounds.

Bottom: Pair of fragments from one of our experimental shots after passing through a skull.

All three bullets were 6.5 mm Western Mannlicher-Carcano rounds.
(Bottom: J. K. Lattimer; others: National Archives)

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