

2 November 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

*Was informed*

SUBJECT: Autopsy of  Body

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1. I understand that  body has been embalmed and is scheduled to be delivered to the United States at Guantanamo. I also understand that SAC is the executive agent for handling this entire matter.

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2. It seems to me essential that the United States perform whatever autopsy is required on the body in order to exhaust all possible efforts of determining just what happened to him. Even with embalming I should think that certain examinations might give a clue as to whether or not he had hypoxia. In any event, if he died of lead poisoning from shrapnel wounds or other munition-type fragments, the evidence might so indicate.

3. In order to avoid all possible complications in this regard, it would appear best to send the proper autopsy experts to Guantanamo to make the necessary tests and remove the necessary specimens at point of first delivery to U. S. authorities. I therefore urge that you telephone Mr. McNamara accordingly.

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*As of 1400 today, Pete Scoville tells me this is arranged — you may wish to alert McNamara anyway — P'*