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Dear Mr. Drosson,

With your letter of March 6, 1981, there are 21 not 23 photographs. Your letter states, ". . . 23 photographs of material which were submitted for spectrographic analysis." It does not state that these photographs represent all that was submitted to spectrographic analysis in the JFK assassination investigation and in fact they do not represent all. So while what you have sent may be argued to be responsive "to number 18 of your request," in fact they do not. They also do not on the additional ground that these are not photographs of what was submitted to spectrographic analysis. You have provided photographs of the entire object, like the clothing, but not of what was analyzed.

In all cases the FBI has gone out of its way to waste money and provide unnecessarily unclear photographs. This was accomplished by not using the existing negatives and instead making photographs of the existing photographs.

I regret that you did not see fit to include a list of these materials, by their C numbers, so that I would not have to do extensive research to make proper identification.

Some of these photographs are so unclear it is not possible to identify the points from which samples were removed for testing, as with Governor Connally's shirt.

One photograph is mostly of what was not tested and includes so much on so small a scale that the photograph of what was tested is meaningless. On this even the C numbers cannot be made out with certainty. Individual objects in it are not easily identified, some can't be at all. I know what a back brace is from having worn one for years, so I can guess the President's is included in that picture, but I cannot make out the Ace bandage, with which I am also familiar from use. The shoes, socks, trousers, belt, comb and other garments were not tested, from the available records, but the tie was. Only this particular photograph was selected not to show where the sample was taken.

Any companion photograph at all is missing. There is no picture of either the part of the front of the President's shirt that was tested or even of the front of the shirt itself. (And going along with this I have received nothing pertaining to the additional testing that ~~former~~ SA Robert Frazier testified on deposition he had made by a other SA.) In fact the collar was tested and in fact the FBI Lab took closeup pictures of that area.

If ~~the~~ the needlessly unclear photo of Q1 (Bullet # 399) shows one of the points from which metal was taken for spectrographic analysis, I cannot determine this even with magnification. The point from which the other specimen was removed is included in the picture but nothing can be made out about it. No ~~the~~ photograph of either specimen was provided.

This represents the exact opposite of the FBI's pretenses in C.A. 75-226. It represents again why this oldest of all FOIA cases and the first filed under the amended Act is still before the courts. If the FBI's purpose is to perpetuate its stonewalling, then it is pursuing that purpose. But if the FBI intends to do what it can to end this litigation with compliance, that is in no way reflected in your letter of the sixth and its enclosures.

With regard to C.A. 75-0323 and the agreement reached with the office of the Associate Attorney General, I received a letter from you toward the end of last year, with the dub of a tape. You stated that I would be receiving various photographs. I have not. I am reminded of this by a Dallas news story reporting that the former Mary McCormack has filed suit against the Congress to get her pictures back. Although the FBI appears to have gone out of its way to not let it be known, the Dallas office did make copies of her pictures. I do not know if they were, more recently, sent to WASH. I do know they have not been provided to me under this agreement. I would like to be informed when I may expect the pictures and other tapes to be provided.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg