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Honorable Louis Stokes
Chairman
Select Committee on Assassinations
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Secretary Brown has asked me to reply to your request of February 27, 1978, regarding personnel present at the autopsy of President John F. Kennedy. I believe that the accompanying letter stating the Department of the Navy's position responds to the concerns you expressed.

The other matters referred to in your letter are receiving attention and have been discussed with your Chief Counsel. With your permission, I shall be in touch with him directly to seek a satisfactory arrangement.

Sincerely,



John G. Kester
The Special Assistant

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