

City of Dallas
OFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. N. Alex Bickley
City Attorney

January 23, 1970

Subject: Request from Mr. John Kinney
State Archives

At your request, Director Heath contacted by telephone Mr. John Kinney, Director, State Archives of Texas, Austin, Texas, relative to the release of information contained in the twenty volumes, "Texas Supplemental Report on the Assassination of President Kennedy and the Wounding of Governor Connally".

Mr. Kinney stated that the materials contained in these volumes were the work files of the Dallas Police Department which had been forwarded to the Office of the Attorney General to complete his investigation into this matter. On the completion of the Attorney General's investigation, these files were sent to the State Archives in October of 1964. Mr. Kinney stated that he contacted Mr. Nola White, First Assistant Attorney General, in regard to this matter. Mr. White stated that since these reports were not the work files of the State Attorney General's Office that any request that they be withheld from public examination must be made by us.

Mr. Kinney stated that this was a telephone conversation with Mr. White and that he does not know of any state law, other than general public policy, by which we could withhold this information from the public.

Mr. Kinney further stated that he could withhold this information for a reasonable time until some decision was made by the City of Dallas relative to the matter. Mr. Kinney also stated that of the twenty volumes only Volume Fourteen appeared to contain any information that was not already a matter of public record. Volume Fourteen, however, consists of a number of inquiries and investigations made by the Dallas Police Department of persons who were thought to have known or associated with participants in the assassination. The majority of these people had, in fact, no connection, directly or indirectly with the matter, and Mr. Kinney is of the opinion that this particular volume should not be released to the public under any circumstances since it involved the questioning of persons who, in fact, proved to be innocent.

I would therefore like your recommendation as to what we may do to withhold this material from public examination at this time.

Frank Dyson
Chief of Police

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