

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

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July 25, 1967

Fred H. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

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Investigation of President John Fitzgerald
Kennedy, November 22, 1963 - Dallas, Texas

Reference is made to your memorandum of June 30, 1967,
concerning the interview of Dean Andrews. Upon reconsideration
we concur with the opinion that an interview of Andrews at this
time may well interfere or be construed as interfering with the
state trial of Andrews for perjury. Under these circumstances,
we do not desire Andrews be interviewed at this time until the
verdict before the courts for the State of Louisiana has been
rendered. At that time we shall consider the removal of our
agent.

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Honorable Harold E. Collier,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Collier:

The Attorney General has asked me to reply to your letter of July 19, 1967, in which you ask what laws, if any, would prohibit the sale or distribution of a lapel button bearing the printing "Where is Lee Oswald now that we really need him" and other buttons containing writings of an obscene nature.

The Attorney General is authorized by statute to render opinions only to agencies in the Executive Branch of the Federal Government on questions of law arising in connection with their official business. Therefore, we regret that the Attorney General cannot comply with your precise request. However, we would like to provide you with some information on the subject of your inquiry which may be helpful.

Assuming that the buttons to which you refer contain writings of an obscene nature, it may be noted that various Federal statutes apply to the mailing or transportation in interstate or foreign commerce of obscene matter. See 18 U.S.C. 1461, 1462 and 1465. We do not suggest, however, that these statutes would apply to the particular button described in your letter, and it is not unlikely that the

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type of buttons to which you refer, some of which I have
also seen, generally would not come within the scope of
obscenity statutes, even though, like the one you have
quoted, they may properly be condemned on grounds of
unfairness and bad taste.

Sincerely yours,

Martin T. Richman
Acting Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legal Counsel

HAROLD R. COLLIER
10TH DISTRICT, ILLINOIS

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
MARIE HERSHEY

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

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July 19, 1967

Honorable Ramsey Clark
The Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Attorney General Clark:

Recently, I found a lapel button on the street which bore printing of a nature which I think is abominable. I question whether it should be permitted to be sold or distributed.

I had intended to send the item along with this letter but have misplaced it. At any rate, it bore the printing "Where is Lee Oswald now that we really need him." There was no manufacturer's name on it so that it would be impossible in this instance to determine where it originated. However, I would like to know what laws, if any, are presently on the statutes which would prohibit the sale or distribution of items of this type. I have seen other buttons in the past which have various printed displays of a totally obnoxious nature, but this one has raised my curiosity as to governing laws on this type of item.

With kind regards.

Sincerely,

Harold R. Collier

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Mrs. Merruerite C. Oswald
[Redacted]

Dear Mrs. Oswald:

This will acknowledge receipt of your telegrams to the President of June 28 and July 19, 1967, in which you state that you have new evidence concerning the assassination of President Kennedy.

As you know, the Department of Justice remains alert to receive and evaluate new information or evidence relating to the assassination. Any evidence which you may have concerning the assassination should be submitted to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. There is an office of the Bureau at 1810 Commerce Street, Dallas, Texas. The telephone number is Riverside 1-1211.

Sincerely,

Martin F. Richman
Acting Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legal Counsel

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: The Attorney General

Date: July 19, 1967

ACTION REQUESTED

- Draft reply for:
 - President's signature.
 - Undersigned's signature.
- Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.
- Direct reply.
- Furnish information copy.
- Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.
- Furnish copy of reply, if any.
- For your information.
- For comment.

NOTE

Prompt action is essential.

If more than 48 hours' delay is encountered, please telephone the undersigned immediately, Code 1450.

Basic correspondence should be returned when draft reply, memorandum, or comment is requested.

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REMARKS:

Description:

Letter: Telegram: Other:

To: The President

From: Marguerite C. Oswald [REDACTED] 7C

Date: July 19, 1967

Subject: Unable to get a response out of government officials

By direction of the President: Ham
 Harry C. McPherson, Jr.
 Special Counsel to the President

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

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 OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

IT IS INDEED REGRETTABLE WHEN A HUMAN BEING IS SUBJECTED TO SUCH TREATMENT AS I HAVE BEEN. TELEPHONE CALLS, TELEGRAMS HAVE BEEN SENT TO VARIOUS OFFICIALS OVER THE YEARS WITHOUT EVEN A RESPONSE. ON JANUARY 28, 1967, MR. PRESIDENT, I ALSO SENT ONE TO YOU. THE SEVEN COMMISSION MEMBERS WHO SIGNED THEIR NAMES TO AN OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT DOCUMENT HAVE MADE SERIOUS ERRORS

WHICH AFFECT OUR COUNTRY AS WHOLE. I BELIEVE MR PRESIDENT THESE
MEN OF INTEGRITY SHOULD BECOME AWARE OF SAID ERRORS AND SHOULD
BE CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CORRECTING SAME. I DO
NOT ASK A REOPENING OF THE ENTIRE CASE BUT A RIGHT TO SUBMIT
TO THE SEVEN MEN ERRORS OF FACT I HAVE IN MY POSSESSION. I
DEEPLY REGRET THE INCONVENIENCE AS I FULLY UNDERSTAND YOUR
MANY PROBLEMS BUT I ALSO BELIEVE THAT THIS PROBLEM IS JUST
AS URGENT AS OTHERS. RESPECTFULLY

MARGUERITE C OSWALD [REDACTED]

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REMARKS:

Description:

Letter: Telegram: Other:

To: The President

From: Margherite C. Oswald, [REDACTED] 7C

Date: 6/28/67

Subject: Refers to CBS documentary on Warren inquiry and says has positive written proof that her son was not killer of late President Kennedy; asks be allowed clear his name.

By direction of the President:

HM

Harry C. McPherson Jr. 3 1967
Special Counsel to the President

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NOTIFIED MR HOPKINS AT HOME
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FOR THE LAST FOUR NIGHTS I LISTENED TO DOCUMENTARY OF CBS
WARREN INQUIRY. NOW I AM READY TO PLAY MY CARDS. MR. PRESIDENT
MY LATE SON LEE HARVEY OSWALD IS NOT THE KILLER OF PRESIDENT JOHN
F. KENNEDY, AND I HAVE POSITIVE WRITTEN PROOF THAT I RESPECTFULLY
ASK YOU AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE GRANT ME THE PRIVILEGE OF CLEARING
MY SONS NAME AND PRESENTING THIS EVIDENCE AS AN ERROR WAS MADE NOV

22 1963 THAT I HAVE PROOF OF. I MIGHT ADD I ALSO HAVE GRANDCHILDREN.
HOPING TO HEAR A RESPONSE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE WILL AT LAST HAVE PEACE OF MIND ABOUT THAT ONE PARTICULAR
ISSUE LEE HARVEY OSWALD AS THE ASSASSIN. RESPECTFULLY

MARGUERITE C OSWALD MOTHER OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : The Files

DATE: July 18, 1967

FROM : Martin F. Richman
First Assistant
mf Office of Legal Counsel

SUBJECT: Warren Commission Report -
Department of Justice File Materials.

On July 11, Carl Belcher brought up the materials described in the two annexed memos of July 7, which had been found in a broken package in the United States mail in Los Angeles. Upon inspection, these were found to be a large red envelope containing personal checkbooks and cancelled checks of Dave Slawson and a manila work folder of his concerning Warren Commission matters which had arisen in 1966-67 while he was employed in this Office.

In view of the reference to FBI reports and official papers in the annexed memos, Mr. Belcher and I went through the manila folder item by item. Although it was a voluminous collection of loose papers, I was able to identify most of the items rapidly through prior familiarity with almost all of them. For the most part, these papers consisted of Slawson's desk copies of memos he had written in this Office, extra copies of other papers relating to our work in connection with the Warren Commission exhibits, newspaper clippings, and some personal correspondence relating to Slawson's interest in the Commission investigation, in which he had been an assistant counsel prior to coming to this Office.

Included in this folder, however, were three items which appeared to be Department of Justice file copies. Two of these are carbon copies of FBI reports which had been forwarded to Charlie Simms for information, and the third is a Justice information copy of a USIA cable.

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Presumably these had been passed on to Slawson for his information. All three are unclassified and relate to information concerning books critical of the Warren Commission report. I removed these three items, and they are attached to the original of this memorandum for the Department files.

The balance of the work folder and the red envelope have been mailed to Slawson in Los Angeles.

cc: W. David Slawson

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July 12, 1967

Mr. William M. Byrne, Jr.
United States Attorney
Los Angeles, California

Attention: Mr. John Van de Kamp
Assistant U. S. Attorney

Re: Personal papers and documents
of W. David Slawson

Dear Mr. Byrne:

This letter will acknowledge the telephone conversation between you and Mr. Vinson and the receipt of the personal effects and documents of W. David Slawson which were forwarded by you to us with a copy of your memorandum and the memorandum of the Post Office Department to you.

Mr. Slawson was employed by the Office of Legal Counsel and the documents other than personal effects which were forwarded to us were documents which related to the work Mr. Slawson performed in the Office of Legal Counsel. Accordingly, we have discussed this matter with that Office and it is making an appropriate disposition of the documents and is accepting the responsibility for forwarding to Mr. Slawson his personal effects and personal papers.

Your cooperation in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

FRED M. VINSON, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

By: CARL W. BELCHER
Chief, General Crimes Section

CC: Mr. Martin Richman
Office of Legal Counsel

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September 22, 1966

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SUBJECT: Rebuttal to Two Books Critical of Warren Commission Findings

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Two British publishers will bring out books within the week which are critical of the Warren Commission findings in the assassination of President Kennedy. The books are Mark Lane's "Rush to Judgment" published by The Bodley Head and Edward Jay Epstein's "Inquest" published by the Viking Press. Publication dates are September 22 for the Lane book and September 27 for Epstein's.

When the post first learned that the books were to be published here (See FM 17, dated August 17, 1966), steps were taken to mitigate their impact. Among these steps was an approach by the Cultural Attache, Dr. Edward D. Myers, to Professor Arthur L. Goodhart suggesting that he might be interested in preparing reviews rebutting the criticisms contained in the books. Professor Goodhart was selected because he is one of Britain's most respected legal authorities, having been, before his retirement, Professor of Law and Master of University College Oxford. Professor Goodhart is a member of the U. K. - U. S. Educational Commission and, before going to Oxford, was Professor of Law at Cambridge, Yale and Harvard Universities.

Professor Goodhart agreed to undertake the project. His review of the two books will appear this Sunday, September 25, in the Sunday Telegraph. Copies of his review, in his own handwriting, are enclosed.

It is hoped that the review, appearing in one of England's leading papers almost simultaneously with the two books, will have some effect in preventing an uncritical acceptance of their adverse "evidence."

Norman P. Scott
Norman P. Scott
Acting Public Affairs Officer

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Mr. Garrison

Will be in response to your communication of July 15, 1968

transmitting a letter from

concerning the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The authors who have criticized the conclusions of the Warren Commission do not claim to have any different new evidence, so far as we are aware. Rather, their criticisms and demands for a new inquiry are based upon different conclusions they have drawn from parts of the same body of evidence that was examined by the Commission. The Commission made a thorough inquiry and detailed analysis of the facts concerning the assassination. The evidence simply supports the basic conclusions of the Commission. In these circumstances, we see no basis for a new inquiry.

We can only point out that neither Mr. Garrison nor Mr. Shaw has ever discussed these proceedings with Federal authorities. The Federal District Court's order temporarily restraining Mr. Garrison from proceeding with the trial of Mr. Shaw was issued at the request of Mr. Shaw and his attorneys; it was subsequently set aside. In these circumstances, we do not feel it would be proper for us to comment on a case pending before the state courts.

As always, it is a pleasure to be of assistance.

Sincerely,

FRED N. VINSON, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C.

July 15 1968

Honorable Ramsey Clark
Attorney General
Department of Justice
Ninth & Pennsylvania
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

The attached communication is sent for your consideration. Please investigate the statements contained therein and forward me the necessary information for reply, returning the enclosed correspondence with your answer.

Yours truly,

Albert H. Quie
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Honorable Albert Quie
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

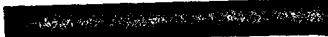
Dear Sir:

I am extremely anxious about the Federal Injunction against
the District Attorney of New Orleans.

I feel this is just one more Federal attempt to bury the truth. This
just the thing that causes the credibility gap between Americans and their
Government.

So, I would appreciate your attention on this issue, for I feel this is the
type of thing that alienates Americans from political confidence.

Sincerely,



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Honorable William Proxmire
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Proxmire:

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This is in reply to your memorandum of July 14, 1967, referring to the Department of Justice for its consideration and comment a letter to you dated June 28, 1967, from [redacted] concerning the assassination of President Kennedy. [redacted] recommends that the Congress take action to have the photographs and x-rays taken in connection with the autopsy of President Kennedy released to accepted medical or ballistics experts for examination. He also criticizes the ownership by Life Magazine of the Zapruder film of the assassination of President Kennedy and urges that the Justice Department take possession of this film.

7C With respect to the autopsy x-rays and photographs, it appears that [redacted] is not aware that these pictures are presently available to certain governmental bodies and within five years will be available for examination by qualified persons outside the Government under certain conditions. These photographs and x-rays were transferred to the National Archives by President Kennedy's family under restrictions which the Government accepted pursuant to the statute governing the deposit of historical materials relating to former presidents. The autopsy pictures are available for official inspection by any government body having authority to investigate matters relating to the assassination. They will also be available, in less than five years, for non-official inspection by experts in pathology and related areas of science, subject to restrictions suitable to the subject matter of these pictures.

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With respect to [redacted] contention that if these pictures had been turned over to competent non-government authorities for investigation in the months after the assassination, or even to the Warren Commission, many of the present rumors and plot theories would never have been born. It should be noted that the most meaningful evidence of autopsy findings consists of the expert analysis made by the doctors who performed the autopsy of the late President. The x-rays and photographs are simply a record of what the doctors saw and evaluated. Two of the doctors who performed the autopsy of the late President and testified before the Commission have examined the x-rays and photographs in the Archives and informed the press that the pictures corroborate the findings to which they had testified.

As to the Zapruder film of the assassination, it should be noted that under Public Law 89-318, providing for the acquisition by the United States of evidence relating to the assassination of President Kennedy, the United States acquired a copy of the Zapruder film that was part of the title to the copy of the Warren Commission. Life Magazine possesses a different print of the film and owns the copyright. The Government did not acquire the copyright because the purpose would have been served which was worth the cost of its acquisition. In this connection, it may be noted that Life paid Zapruder a substantial amount of money for the copyright and

It may be of additional interest that the movies and still photographs taken of the assassination are available for the Archives by the Warren Commission are available or copies study by scholars. These include the original or copies of the three films considered to be of relevance to the Commission's study of the assassination -- the Zapruder, Mik and Nechmore films.

As requested, [redacted] with.

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Sincerely,

Martin F. Richman
Acting Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legal Counsel

Enclosure

GARRISON 7/15 DAY

NET O'LEANS (UPI) - VST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON TO A NATIONAL TELEVISION AUDIENCE SATURDAY THAT PRESIDENT KENNEDY WAS SHOT BY AT LEAST THREE ASSASSINS WHO BELONGED TO A CONSPIRACY TO KILL HIM BECAUSE

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OF HIS POSITION TOWARD CUBA.

GARRISON INDICATED--BUT DID NOT SAY SO SPECIFICALLY--THAT THE ASSASSINS WANTED KENNEDY OUT OF THE WAY BECAUSE HE WOULD NOT SANCTION ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO INVAD CUBA.

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GARRISON, APPEARING IN RESULTAL TO A NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY SPECIAL PROGRAM, CALLED THE WARREN COMMISSION'S REPORT AND ITS CONCLUSION THAT LEE HARVEY OSWALD ALONE KILLED KENNEDY "A FAIRLY TALE."

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HE SAID POWERFUL FORCES IN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THE NATION'S NEWS MEDIA WERE TRYING TO COVER UP THE TRUTH.

"THE CONCLUSION OF THE WARREN REPORT THAT PRESIDENT KENNEDY WAS KILLED BY ONE ASSASSIN IS A FAIRY TALE," GARRISON SAID. "THE CONCLUSION THAT NO CONSPIRACY EXISTED IS A MYTH."

"PRESIDENT KENNEDY WAS ASSASSINATED BY MEN WHO SOUGHT TO BRING ABOUT A RADICAL CHANGE IN OUR FOREIGN POLICY, ESPECIALLY TOWARD CUBA."

AFTER THE CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS OF 1962 AND AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF IMPROVING U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS, GARRISON SAID, "CUBA WAS NO LONGER CONSIDERED AN ENEMY AND NO LONGER CONSIDERED FAIR GAME FOR THOSE WHO WANTED TO INVAD E IT."

GARRISON SAID:

--KENNEDY WAS SHOT IN DALLAS NOV. 22, 1963 FROM TWO LOCATIONS IN THE REAR, AND ALSO FROM THE FRONT.

--THE WARREN COMMISSION'S "SINGLE BULLET" THEORY, UNDER WHICH THE COMMISSION CONCLUDED THAT ONE BULLET FROM OSWALD'S RIFLE IN

THE SCHOOLBOOK DEPOSITORY BUILDING KILLED KENNEDY AND THE OTHER CAUSED ALL THE OTHER WOUNDS SUFFERED BY KENNEDY AND TEXAS GOV. JOHN CONNALLY, IS UNTRUE.

--OSWALD'S FINGERPRINTS WERE NOT ON THE RIFLE, " FOUND IN THE DEPOSITORY BUILDING.

see report 100-23

--NITRATE TESTS EXONORATED OSWALD AND SHOWED THAT HE HAD NOT FIRED A GUN THAT DAY."

--"IT WAS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR OSWALD TO TAKE HIS FINGERPRINTS OFF THE GUN AND RUN DOWN FOUR FLIGHTS OF STAIRS," IN THE TIME THE WARREN COMMISSION ALLOWED.

--OSWALD ONCE WORKED FOR THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, AND LEARNED TO SPEAK RUSSIAN BEFORE HE LEFT THE MARINE CORPS AND WENT TO RUSSIA. SOMETIME BEFORE THE ASSASSINATION.

--THE FACT THAT NO TRANSCRIPT WAS MADE OF DALLAS POLICE QUESTIONS OSWALD AFTER THE ASSASSINATION REPRESENTED A RADICAL DEVIATION FROM NORMAL POLICE METHODS.

see report 100-23

GARRISON DID NOT PRESENT SUBSTANTIATING EVIDENCE FOR MOST OF HIS STATEMENTS. BUT HE SAID THAT HE WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GO INTO THE MATTER IN MORE DETAIL IF HE HAD GIVEN HIM THE HOUR "LEGAL TIME" HE ASKED FOR. RATHER THAN HALF AN HOUR.

THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY SAID THE WARREN COMMISSION STARTED OUT WITH "A COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE PROPOSITION IN THE FIRST PLACE--THAT ONE OF ITS DUTIES WAS TO CALM THE NATION'S FEARS ABOUT THE ASSASSINATION."

"THE GOVERNMENT HAS NO RIGHT TO CALM OUR FEARS. ANY MORE THAN IT HAS A RIGHT TO EXCITE OUR FEARS ABOUT CHINA OR ABOUT ANYTHING ELSE,"

HE SAID. "I DON'T WANT TO BE CALM ABOUT GREAT NEWS AGENCIES AND OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ATTEMPTING TO KEEP THE TRUTH FROM THE PEOPLE."

AT THE DAY HAS COME WHEN THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES CAN BE SHOT DOWN IN THE STREETS BECAUSE SOME PEOPLE DISAGREE WITH HIS FOREIGN POLICY. IF THE DAY HAS COME WHEN THE KIBITZ HIS HEART STOPS BEATING, OTHER CONSIDERATIONS TAKE OVER TO CANCEL THE TRUTH FROM THE EYES OF THE UNITED STATES. THEN THE DAY HAS COME WHEN WE HAVE LOOT OUR DEMOCRACY."

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NEW YORK (UPI)--THE NATIONAL BROADCASTING COMPANY SAID SATURDAY NIGHT THAT NEW ORLEANS DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON "SAID NOTHING IN HIS PROGRAM THAT ALTERS THE INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY NBC NEWS ABOUT THE METHODS HE HAS USED IN PESSING HIS THEORY OF THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION."

THE NBC STATEMENT WAS MADE IN REPLY TO GARRISON'S HALF-HOUR BROADCAST SATURDAY NIGHT OVER NBC IN WHICH THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY DENIED HIS METHODS AND ATTACKED THE NETWORK'S JUNE 19 PROGRAM. THE NBC BROADCAST HAD ASSAILED THERE WAS NO CONCRETE EVIDENCE BEHIND GARRISON'S PROBE WHICH WAS RESULTED IN THE INDICTMENT OF NEW ORLEANS BUSINESSMAN CLAY SHAW.

"DURING MOST OF HIS APPEARANCE," NBC SAID SATURDAY NIGHT, "MR. GARRISON DID NOT DEAL WITH THE SPECIFIC CRITICISMS NBC NEWS HAD MADE. INSTEAD, HE REPEATED HIS VERSION OF THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY."
THE NETWORK SAID GARRISON MADE ONLY TWO SPECIFIC REFERENCES TO HIS PROGRAM:

--"NBC NEWS HAD REPORTED THAT IT HAD LOCATED THE TRUE CLAY BERRAND AND THAT HIS NAME HAD BEEN GIVEN TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE. GARRISON CLAIMED THIS MAN HAS DENIED HE IS BERRAND. NBC NEWS STANDS BY THE STATEMENTS MADE ON ITS PROGRAM," NBC

SAID.
--A WITNESS ON THE NBC PROGRAM, JOHN CANCELER, WAS REFUSED TO TESTIFY BEFORE A GRAND JURY ON THE STATEMENT HE MADE TO THE NETWORK. NBC SAID THAT "THE FACT THAT HE AVAILED HIMSELF OF HIS CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS DOES NOT AFFECT THE TRUTH OF HIS STATEMENTS."

THE NETWORK DENIED IT CONSPIRED WITH ANY GOVERNMENT AGENCIES OR NEWS MEDIA TO DISCREDIT GARRISON'S ACTIVITIES. IT SAID THE PROGRAM WAS PRESENTED ON THE NETWORK'S "OWN INITIATIVE AND IN A SPIRIT OF JOURNALISTIC ENTERPRISE."
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July 14, 1967

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Honorable Sheldon S. Cohen
Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Cohen:

Pursuant to Section 301.6103(a) - 1(z), Title 26,
C.F.R., it is requested that this office be furnished copies of
the income tax returns for the period 1952 through 1962, together
with any and all other information collected by your revenue and
intelligence agents, of the following:

7C 1. [REDACTED] who resides in New Orleans.

7C 2. [REDACTED] which then had its offices in the
Warner Building, Washington, D. C.

This office is conducting an inquiry concerning certain
allegations made regarding the above-named individuals, and these
documents are needed in connection with our inquiry.

Documents furnished in response to this request will be
limited in use to the purpose for which they are requested and will
under no conditions be made public.

Access to these documents, on a need-to-know basis, will
be limited to those attorneys or employees of my office who are
actively engaged in the inquiry. Persons having access to these
documents will be cautioned as to the confidentiality of the
information contained therein and of the penalty provisions of
Section 7213 of the Internal Revenue Code and Section 1905, Title 18,
U.S.C. regarding the unauthorized disclosure of such information.

Sincerely,

FRED H. VINCEN, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

JUL 13, 1967

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Paul E. Visono, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

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Assassination of President
John Fitzgerald Kennedy
Dallas, Texas, November 27, 1963

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Reference is made to the Bureau memorandum of May 15, 1967, indicating the request of [redacted] Louisiana Police Department, for the return of certain documents concerning David William Ferris. [redacted] has

We have been informally advised by the United States Attorney, Eastern District of Louisiana, that the District Attorney of New Orleans recently subpoenaed the financial records of the National Bank, New Orleans in an apparent effort to ascertain the source of the large deposits recorded on the first page of Ferris's bank book. We assume therefore, that there is now no need for the Department of Justice to release copies of the letters and bank book to the District Attorney.

Please advise us of any further requests for this material by [redacted] or the District Attorney.

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JUL 24 1967

Honorable Henry M. Jackson
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

out 7/24/67

Dear Senator Jackson:

The Attorney General has asked me to reply to your letter submitting for his consideration and report a letter to you dated June 29, 1967, from [redacted]

7C [redacted] criticizes the ownership by Life magazine of the Zapruder film of the assassination of President Kennedy and expresses the view that it belongs in the National Archives as public property. In addition, he criticizes arrangements whereby astronauts have been permitted to sign exclusive interview contracts with Life Magazine. 7C

S. M. P. 7C
Under Public Law 89-318, providing for the acquisition by the United States of evidence relating to the assassination of President Kennedy, the United States acquired title to the copy of the Zapruder film that was part of the evidence before the Warren Commission. Life Magazine possesses a different print of the film and owns the copyright. The Government did not acquire the copyright because no public purpose would have been served which was worth the cost of its acquisition. In this connection, it may be noted that Life paid Zapruder a substantial amount of money for the copyright.

It may be of additional interest that the movies and still photographs taken of the assassination and placed in the Archives by the Warren Commission are available for study by scholars. These include the original or copies of the three films considered to be of relevance to the Commission's study of the assassination -- the Zapruder, Nix and Muchmore films.

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On the subject of the astronauts' magazine contracts it is suggested that the National Aeronautics and Space Administration may be able to provide you with information pertinent to inquiry.

 letter is returned herewith as requested.

Sincerely,

Frank M. Wozencraft
Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legal Counsel

Enclosure

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July 16, 1968

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D. A. [initials]

Honorable George E. Brown, Jr.
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman:

This is in reference to your memorandum of July 9, 1968, concerning a letter you received from your constituent, [redacted] concerning the investigation being conducted by New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison into the assassination of the late President Kennedy.

[redacted] appears to be laboring under a misapprehension concerning the status of this Department in the criminal case filed against Clay Shaw. This Department has taken no action of any description to interfere with the trial of that case. Recently Mr. Shaw filed an action in the Federal court to enjoin the prosecution of the criminal charges against him, and on the basis of the allegations set forth the Court issued a temporary restraining order. Mr. Shaw also filed a motion requesting that the Attorney General be made a party defendant in that action, for the purpose of defending the accuracy of the Warren Commission Report. This motion was resisted by the Department, and is now under consideration by the Federal court in Louisiana.

We hope this report will be of assistance in replying to [redacted]. It has been our pleasure to serve you in this matter.

We are returning [redacted] letter, as you requested. Sincerely,

FRED W. VINSON, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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Mr. Block
Mr. Vinson
Deputy Attorney General

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

July 9, 1968

Respectfully referred to

Congressional Liaison
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a letter I received from my constituent, [REDACTED] concerning the investigation being conducted by Jim Garrison.

I would appreciate your reviewing her letter and furnishing me with any information that would be helpful in replying.

Thank you for your assistance.

Please return [REDACTED] letter along with your reply.

Very respectfully,

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
JUL 10 1968
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GEORGE E. BROWN, JR.
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M.C., 29th District.

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July 1, 1968. 7C

Mr. George Brown Jr.,
313 House Office Bldg.,
Washington, D.C., 20515.

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CRIMINAL DIVISION

Dear Mr. Brown,

Is there anything you, as a Congressman, could do about the Government's interference in Garrison's inquiry into the conspiracy to kill President Kennedy? I'm afraid that if we don't get to the bottom of the whole thing soon, we'll have more assassinations - possibly McCarthy, especially if we do succeed in getting him nominated.

This may sound Paranoic, but at any rate, check into the Injunction against the trial in New Orleans. It doesn't seem legal to me.

Yours truly,
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Honorable John Brademas
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

out 7/24/67

Dear Mr. Brademas:

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This refers to your letter to the Department of Justice of July 10, 1967, enclosing a copy of a letter from a constituent, [redacted] who raises questions about the possession of the Abraham Zapruder movie film of the assassination of President Kennedy. Your letter requests the Department's comments on [redacted] letter, which criticizes the ownership of the Zapruder film by Time, Inc., and expresses the view that the public should have the right to view this film.

D.S.
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Under Public Law 89-318, providing for the acquisition by the United States of evidence relating to the assassination of President Kennedy, the United States acquired title to the copy of the Zapruder film that was part of the evidence before the Warren Commission. Life Magazine possesses a different print of the film and also owns the copyright. The Government did not acquire the copyright because no public purpose would have been served which was worth the cost of its acquisition. In this connection, it may be noted that Life paid Zapruder a substantial amount of money for the copyright.

It may be of additional interest that the movie and still photographs taken of the assassination and placed in the Archives by the Warren Commission are available for study by scholars. These include the original or copies

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of the three films considered to be of relevance to the Commission's study of the assassination -- the Zapruder, Hix and Muchmore films.

It is hoped that the foregoing information will be useful to you in replying to your constituent.

Sincerely,

Frank M. Wozencraft
Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legal Counsel

JOHN BRADEMAS
3d DISTRICT, INDIANA

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

July 10, 1967

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Office of Congressional Relations
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Sir:

I have enclosed a copy of a letter from a constituent of mine who raises some questions about the possession of the Abraham Zapruder movie film of the assassination of President Kennedy.

I would appreciate your comments on this matter.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

JOHN BRADEMAS
Member of Congress

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June 29, 1967

Congressman John Brademas
1026 Longworth House Office Bldg.
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman Brademas:

I am writing this letter for the sole purpose of voicing my opinion of Time Corporation being allowed to keep in their possession the Abraham Zapruder's movie film of the assassination of President Kennedy.

I believe that no Corporation has the right to buy and keep from the public the only movie film of this governmental happening. This not a mere everyday incident, but a historical event that involved millions of lives throughout the world.

When a corporation such as Time is allowed to own an item of this importance it is given the power to decline any organization or the public the right of seeing it. It cannot only do this, but also sell it to any person or country of its choice.

This is not an event that just involved Time Corporation but everyone living in the United States. For this reason I believe it is the privilege of every American to view this movie without having to first get Time Corporation's approval.

Although I am only fourteen years old I believe that the situation is quite clear, the Government should either buy from Time Corporation the Abraham Zapruder's movie of the assassination of President Kennedy, or confiscate it as need be since Time has declared no amount of money will buy it.

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Sincerely yours,
[REDACTED]

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July 17, 1968

D. A. K.

Honorable Walter F. Mondale
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senators:

This is in reference to your memorandum of July 8, 1968, concerning a letter you received from [redacted] concerning the assassination of the late President Kennedy.

The Warren Commission gathered and considered a vast amount of material, most of it having only remote connection with the assassination. It made a thorough inquiry and detailed analysis of the facts, and the evidence, as presented in the one-volume Report, and supports its conclusions.

With regard to the criminal case filed against Clay Shaw by New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison, [redacted] appears to be laboring under a misapprehension concerning the status of the Federal Government. This Department has taken no action of any description to interfere with the trial of that case. Mr. Shaw filed an action in the Federal court to enjoin the execution of the criminal charges against him, and on the basis of the allegations set forth the Court issued a temporary restraining order. Mr. Shaw also filed a motion requesting the purpose of Attorney General he made a party defendant in that action, for the purpose of defending the accuracy of the Warren Commission Report. This motion was resisted by the Department, and its denial is a determination by the Federal court in Louisiana.

We hope this report will be of assistance in replying to [redacted] as we are recording [redacted] has been our pleasure to serve you in this matter.

Sincerely,
[redacted] letter, as you requested.

FRAN R. VESSE
Assistant Attorney General

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United States Senate

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Respectfully referred to

Congressional Liaison
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

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For your consideration of the attached
letter, and for a report.

 To be forwarded directly to the
constituent, with a copy to me
for my information and records.

XX To me, in duplicate to accompany
return of enclosure.

 As requested below.

Additional comments:

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Please refer response to attention of
Mr. Avery, of my staff,
on the outside of the envelope only.

Thank you.

WALTER F. MONDALE
U.S. SENATE

June 27, 1968

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Senator Walter Mondale
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir:

I am writing to urge you to help our country find the truth about President Kennedy's assassination. It has been five long years since the Warren Report, and to this day overwhelming evidence indicates serious doubts about that commission's findings.

It appears now that the Federal Government will succeed in blocking the trial of Clay Shaw in New Orleans, the last hope the American people have of a public hearing into the charges of a conspiracy.

Surely we have a right to know for certain who killed our president. If the truth is that horrible, then we must face up to it and begin to remedy the sickness within our society. If we are refused that right to know, God help us all, because then America is in more trouble than any of us realize.

Sincerely,

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August 6, 1968

Honorable James Coonan
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman:

This is in response to your recent communication transmitting a letter from [redacted] concerning the matter of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. *TC*

The authors who have criticized the conclusions of the Warren Commission do not claim to have any significant new evidence, so far as we are aware. Rather, their criticisms and demands for a new inquiry are based upon different conclusions they have drawn from parts of the same body of evidence that was examined by the Commission. The Commission made a thorough inquiry and detailed analysis of the facts concerning the assassination. The evidence amply supports the basic conclusions of the Commission. In these circumstances, we see no basis for a new inquiry.

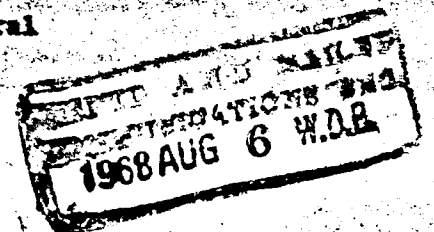
We can only point out that neither Mr. Garrison nor Mr. Shaw has ever discussed these proceedings with Federal authorities. The Federal District Court's order temporarily restraining Mr. Garrison from proceeding with the trial of Mr. Shaw was issued at the request of Mr. Shaw and his attorneys; it was subsequently set aside. In these circumstances, we do not feel it would be proper for us to comment on a case pending before the state courts.

As always, it is a pleasure to be of assistance. Your enclosures are returned herewith.

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Sincerely,

FRED M. VINSON, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General



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*James Corman
(Congressman)*

Dear Mr. Corman

I feel it imperative that Jim Garrison
be able to try certain individuals in the
assassination of John F. Kennedy.

Failure to do so would only make a mockery
of the democratic and constitutional processes
which this nation espouses.

Sincerely,

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