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Honorable B. Everett Jordan
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Senator:

You have requested our consideration of the attached letter of [redacted] asks why the Zapruder film of the assassination of President Kennedy has not been released to the public. 7C

A print of the Zapruder film is available for investigation at the National Archives. The film may not be published or copied, however, because Life Magazine owns a copyright on the film. A print of the film was acquired by the Government pursuant to P.L. 88-202 to preserve for historical purposes the evidence which had been before the Warren Commission. However, no purpose was seen in taking and paying for the copyright since the availability of the print in the National Archives serves the interest of the Government and the public in a complete investigation of the assassination.

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I hope this information will be of interest to [redacted] -7C

Sincerely,

Frank M. Wozencraft
Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legal Counsel

INSPECTED
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION
FEB 8 1962

United States Senate

December 28, 1967

Respectfully referred to

Department of Justice

for such consideration as the communication herewith submitted may warrant, and for a report thereon, in duplicate to accompany return of inclosure.

By direction of

B. Everett Jordan
B. Everett Jordan, U. S. S.

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February 6, 1968

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Mr. John W. Adler
Acting Assistant Attorney General
for Administration
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Adler:

Thank you very much for your December 29 letter in response to my inquiry of December 28 in behalf of [REDACTED] 7C

7C I have received no further communication from you regarding the questions [REDACTED] raised in his earlier letter to me, and I would appreciate your letting me have a report at the earliest possible time so that I may pass it on to [REDACTED] - 7C

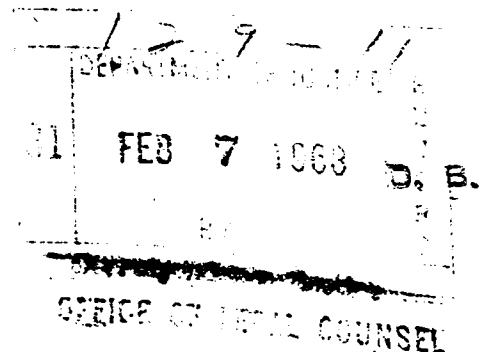
Thanking you in advance, and with all best regards,

Sincerely,

B. Everett Jordan, USS

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cc: [REDACTED] 7C



B. EVERETT JORDAN
NORTH CAROLINA

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

December 23, 1967

[REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED] 7C

Thank you for your letter of December 21 commenting on the "Life" magazine article "Six Seconds in Dallas".

I certainly agree with you that the public has the right to the full story on the Kennedy assassination, and I have sent your letter to the Justice Department with a request for comment on the points you made.

As soon as I have a reply from the Department, I will be happy to pass it on to you.

With all best regards,

Sincerely,

B. Everett Jordan, USS

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Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

January 5, 1968

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

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Assassination of President
John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Enclosed for your information and such attention
as you may deem appropriate is a copy of a letter recently
received from [REDACTED] 7C

Enclosure

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December 27, 1967

Hon. Ramsey Clark
Attorney General of the United States
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have evidence relating around
the death by assassination of
President Kennedy, which I want
to transmit only to an accredited
person from your office.

Please let me hear from you.

Sincerely yours,



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Honorable Graham Purcell
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Mr. Purcell:

The Attorney General has asked me to reply to your letter of December 19, 1967, concerning the appropriateness of a new inquiry into the assassination of President Kennedy.

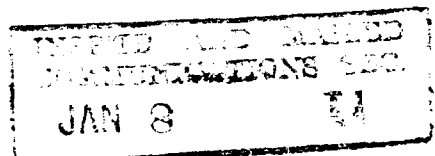
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The Federal Bureau of Investigation is always open to receive new evidence bearing on the assassination if anyone uncovers valid new evidence. The Department of Justice stands ready to examine any valid and relevant new evidence to insure that the facts surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy are public knowledge.

Sincerely,

Frank M. Wozencraft
Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legal Counsel



GRAHAM PURCELL
19TH DISTRICT OF TEXAS

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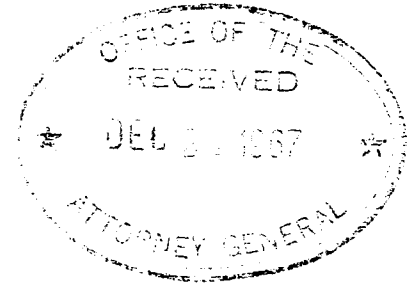
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December 19, 1967



The Honorable Ramsey Clark
Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Ramsey:

No doubt you are as vitally interested as I am in ascertaining that a true picture of the circumstances behind the assassination of President Kennedy has been derived.

I have received similar expressions of concern from many of my constituents, who feel that another, more intensive investigation would be beneficial in relieving the public anxiety raised by recent doubts of the validity of the Warren Commission Report. Accordingly, I hope you will continue to examine every new development in this area, taking whatever appropriate steps you consider necessary to insure that the true facts behind the Kennedy Assassination are known.

With warmest regards,

Graham Purcell
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In addition to ~~Form A~~, point out that FBI is always ready to receive new evidence if anyone comes up with real evidence.

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D. A. K.

January 2, 1968

Honorable George Murphy
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:

This is in response to your communication of December 19, 1967 transmitting a letter from [redacted] in which your constituent raises certain questions concerning the Kennedy assassination.

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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.

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The Warren Commission gathered a vast amount of material, much of it having only remote connection with the assassination. The bulk of the material that was before the Commission either was published in its 26-volume Hearings or is available to researchers at the National Archives. The relatively small portion which is not now available to the public consists primarily of national security intelligence or investigative reports — dealing largely with activities far removed from the assassination itself — which if disclosed might compromise confidential sources or techniques, or in some cases jeopardize the lives of individuals abroad. All of the Commission material which has not yet been released will be reviewed periodically until all of it has been made available to the public.

With respect to the New Orleans matter, we can only point

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out that Mr. Garrison has not discussed his proceedings with Federal authorities. It would not be proper for us to comment on the evidence in a case pending before a state court.

7c I trust that this information will be of interest to [REDACTED] 7c
[REDACTED] It is always a pleasure to be of assistance. Your enclosure is returned herewith.

Sincerely,

FRED M. VINSON, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

United States Senate

December 19, 1967

Respectfully referred to

.....Department of Justice.....

for such consideration as the communication
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By direction of

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George Murphy, U. S. S.

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November 27, 1967

Senator George Murphy
Room 215
Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C.

Justice

Dear Senator Murphy:

In the October issue of Play Boy there was an interview with Mr. Garrison and it further aroused my curiosity in regards to the assassination of the late President Kennedy.

Mr. Garrison referred to documents being in the National Archives and I found the headings of those most interesting. He also stated that there were 51 such CIA documents, listed Top Secret.

CD 347 Activities of Oswald in Mexico City

CD 1054 Information on Jack Ruby and Associates

CD 692 Reproduction of Official CIA Dossier on Oswald

CD 698 Reports of Travel and Activities of Oswald

CD 943 Allegations of PFC Dinkin Re-Assassination Plot

CD 971 Telephone Calls to US Embassy Canberra Australia
Re-Planned Assassination

CD 931 Oswald's Access to information About the U-2

Surely the man would not state such things if they weren't true, however I would like to be sure in my own mind that they are.

I have found in talking to people that the vast majority cannot find it possible to believe the Warren Report there are just too many contradictions and uncollected strings, that dangle in mid-air. I feel that the American people have the ultimate right to have all the evidence brought forward and examined by the FBI irregardless of whose skeletons are rattled in what closet.

Most of us feel that we were given a white-washed, sugar coated horse pill and we can't swallow it, to say nothing of the many deaths of people closely involved or who were investigating.

We, the American people (and I'm sure I speak for many) will not rest until all the facts are fully investigated. Rest assured the people will be eternally grateful to who ever accomplishes this task.

As it stands now the people feel that our Government is only concerned with it's own prestige and image and that TRUTH is incidental to their goal.

The undeniable fact that the Supreme Court has consistently voted for the criminal and the communists rights over and above the rights of innocent victims and loyal God-fearing Americans certainly doesn't fill our hearts with trust and faith. We'd really be naive if we said it did.

In any court of law all the facts are to be brought forward to prove or disprove guilt but then you say that with no autopsy and the majority of the people involved not questioned and having no photos present, and not wishing to inflict questioning on many that the Supreme Court can come forth with a verdict and we are to settle for that.

The Supreme Court judges are supreme idiots if they believe such tripe.

What is ~~the~~ so horrible is that the integrity and honesty of these men have come up short of what we would expect from men who are deemed to be the best and wisest in the land.

If not corrected and soon our country will suffer greatly for more and more crime, corruption and descent appears to be the order of the day. Nor can it be stemmed unless we start at the top and demand truth and honesty for and from all people clear down to the every day working citizen.

I trust you can see this truth and bring others in position of authority to start the ball rolling to a decent law-abiding land we citizen so fervently desire.

 Sincerely 

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December 22, 1967

Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Typed: 12/21/67

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

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

Attached for your information is a copy of a telegram

sent to the Department of Justice by [redacted] 7C

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Mrs. Copeland
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JAN 8 1964

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Honorable Richard T. Hanna
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Mr. Hanna:

You have requested our consideration of the attached letter from [redacted] asks whether Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in connection with the assassination of President Kennedy. 7C

The Warren Commission thoroughly investigated every aspect of the tragic assassination of President Kennedy, and concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald acted solely on his own. The authors and other persons 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.

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I hope this information will be of interest to [redacted] 7C

Sincerely,

Frank M. Wozencraft
Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legal Counsel

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Carl Belcher

DATE: 12/13/67

FROM : William Block

SUBJECT: H. G. Huber
4800 unmarked guns

On 12/7, I discussed the various ways in which we might forfeit the rifles with T. E. Shaw, ATTD. He felt that our best basis for a forfeiture was under Section 905(b) of the Federal Firearms Act; that is, engaging in business without a license. He also felt that we should try to get Huber to sign an abandonment of all his rights in the rifles, and of any claims he might have to them.

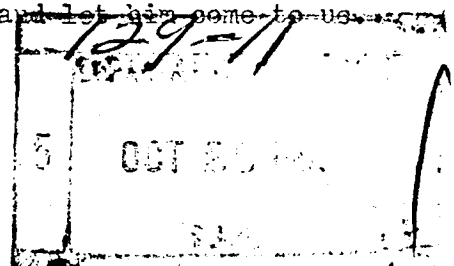
Later that day I spoke to USA Lacour and advised him of Mr. Shaw's advice. He felt that Huber would not sign an abandonment; that he would contest any forfeiture proceeding. He agreed, however, to speak to Huber about the abandonment.

At 5:00P.M. on 12/7, I received a phone call from USA Wayne Justice, E.D. Texas, who informed me that he had been contacted by agents of the ATTD about the Huber matter. These agents informed Mr. Justice that they were coming later that day to pick up some rifles that were hidden in his district. Since Mr. Justice was ignorant of this entire matter he called us for advice. I outlined to him what was happening with Huber and asked him to contact USA Lacour for further information as regards any promises of immunity made to Huber.

On 12/8, I spoke to [redacted] CIA, and brought him up to date on this matter. He informed me that the CIA was investigating a "Cuban-type" name that Huber had reportedly gone under. He did not however know the name. He promised to contact me if he had any further information. It should be noted that on September 27 and 29, 1967, Huber furnished a statement to Customs Agent [redacted] regarding the rifles in question. At this time, however, Huber went under the name of "Rafael Santiago." I do not know if this is the name the CIA is investigating.

On 12/13, I contacted Mr. Wolf, ATTD, who informed me that Huber had gotten himself a lawyer, who told him that he was not violating any federal law, and who advised him that he should not turn the rifles in. It would thus seem that we have reached a stalemate, and that we are no closer to the rifles than before. Mr. Wolf and I agree that this whole thing is a little fishy; that perhaps the best thing we could do is to walk away from Huber and let him come to us.

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Huber

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(told FBZ) operator)

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D. A. K.

DEC 18 1967

Honorable Vance Hartke
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Senator Hartke:

You have requested our consideration of the attached letter of [REDACTED] asks for a new inquiry into the assassination of President Kennedy, and states that her faith in the Chief Justice and the Department of Justice has been destroyed.

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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.

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We are sorry that [REDACTED] does not agree with the Department of Justice on this matter, but this is our best judgment on the question.

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Sincerely,

Frank M. Wozencraft
Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legal Counsel

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this is our best judgement &
that's all we can do.*

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December 19, 1968

Honorable Frank Horton
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Congressman:

7C This is in reply to your inquiry of December 9, 1968, wherein you forwarded for our consideration a letter from your constituent, [redacted] who poses certain questions concerning the assassination of the late President Kennedy, the Warren Commission's Report, and the investigation being conducted by New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison.

7C With regard to [redacted] inquiry concerning the Warren Commission's Report, we would like to point out that the Commission gathered a vast amount of material, including that which had even a remote connection with the assassination. The bulk of the material that was presented before the Commission either was published in its 26-volume Hearings or is available to researchers at the National Archives. The relatively small portion that is not now available to the public consists primarily of national security intelligence or investigative reports - dealing largely with activities far removed from the assassination itself - that if disclosed might compromise confidential sources or techniques, or in some cases jeopardize the lives of individuals abroad. Public availability of other information had been delayed pending completion of the prosecution of Jack Ruby, but this information has now been released. All of the Commission material which has not yet been released will be reviewed periodically until all of it has been made available to the public. None of the material is being withheld for any specific period of time.

As for the investigation being conducted by Mr. Garrison, we can only point out that he has not discussed his proceedings with Federal authorities. We note from newspaper accounts, however, that Clay Shaw, the defendant in Mr. Garrison's prosecution, filed an action in Federal court to enjoin the

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prosecution of the criminal charges against him and that the Supreme Court of the United States has denied his petition. We note further that Mr. Garrison has now scheduled the trial for January 21, 1969.

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

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Sincerely,

FRED M. VINSON, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

FRANK HORTON
18th DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

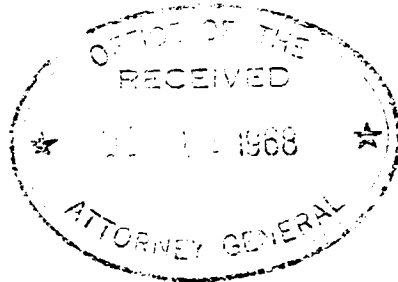
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Dear Sir:

In behalf of my constituent, who is identified in the attached letter copy, I should like to request your consideration of this matter.

Thank you for whatever information and assistance you can provide. I look forward to your reply.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Frank Horton

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November 16, 1968

Dear Congressman Frank Horton,

I am writing to you for myself and many others regarding the continually postponed trial of District Attorney Garrison for which he has investigated the assassination of our late President John F. Kennedy.

I do not quite know what you as an individual can do about this, and I also did not know exactly who to write to regarding this matter. Everyone says to write to your Congressman when you have a question. I regard you as a very intelligent and good Congressman.

We would just like to know why Mr. Garrison's trial, of which he had many key witnesses, has continually been moved up to a later date. Isn't that a simple question? Who is behind this post-ponement? Could it be the CIA?

Why? why have the presidential
right to hold back important
evidence or perhaps facts? Is "the
the People" give him this right? If
we did, I haven't heard anything
about it!

If this can not be made public,
then I would like to find out why.
We are beginning to wonder who is
really running this government of
ours and why any common American
citizen wouldn't want to have all
the facts regarding this tragic assassina-
tion. If this is a free country and
we are entitled to freedom of speech
and press, then I should think the
Harris's investigations be made
public. Mr. Hester, as an individual,
how do you feel about this state-
ment?

I heard on a television program,
where Harris appeared, that the
Warren Report will be made public
in the year 2000. I'd like to
know all the facts then?
In fact, many of us at that
time will have passed away!

Who put such a date on the
Warrior Report? There must be
a good reason why the govern-
ment wants to hide the facts?
There must be millions of others
who would like to know this.

Mrs. Foster, I thank you for
listening to me. I would truly
appreciate a reply.

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted signature]

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Honorable Jack Brooks
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Mr. Brooks:

You have requested my consideration of the attached letter from [redacted] requests that a new inquiry be made of the assassination of President Kennedy. 7C

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.

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I hope this information will be of interest to [redacted] 7C

Sincerely,

Frank M. Wozencraft
Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legal Counsel

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REMARKS

Re your note on the attached concerning the former Secret Service Agent's (Bolden) allegations concerning a Chicago plot to kill President Kennedy.

I have seen nothing to suggest that his allegations are true. William Block, Criminal Division, advised me that Bolden had nothing whatsoever to do with guarding the President in his duties in Secret Service and wouldn't have been in a position to receive this type of information. He said that Bolden is in a [REDACTED]

He said that Clay Shaw's attorneys have been furnished a copy of the brief in Bolden's case and there is no question as to guilt on the evidence in his [REDACTED]. He said that Mr. Kossack is familiar with Bolden's case and terms his "Secret Service frame-up" charges, pure trash.

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AIR MAIL

Mr. Edward W. Wadsworth
Clerk, United States Court of Appeals
Fifth Circuit
Room 408 - 400 Royal Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130

Re: No. 26620 - U.S.A. v. One 6.5 mm.
Mannlicher-Carcano Military Rifle,
Model 91033, etc.

Dear Mr. Wadsworth:

Enclosed for filing are 25 copies of our brief in the above-captioned matter. A signed certificate of service appears on the last page of the brief.

Yours very truly,

EDWIN L. WEISL, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Division

By:

Morton Hollander
Chief, Appellate Section

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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

No. 26,620

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Appellee,

v.

ONE 6.5 mm. MANNLICHER-CARCANO
MILITARY RIFLE, MODEL 91-38,
SERIAL NO. C2766, with appur-
tenances, and ONE .38 SPECIAL
S&W VICTORY MODEL REVOLVER,
SERIAL NO. V510210, with
appurtenances,

and

JOHN J. KING,
Appellant.

APPEAL FROM THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

BRIEF FOR THE APPELLEE

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE

Whether the district court properly terminated the for-
feiture proceeding by dismissal of the libel after title to
the subject property had been duly vested in the United States
pursuant to Public Law 89-318, 79 Stat. 1185.

three issues related to the validity and propriety of the in rem forfeiture proceedings. Such issues were:

- a. Does the Federal Firearms Act permit forfeiture under the facts stipulated in this action?
- b. Does Public Law 89-318, dealing with items of physical evidence before the President's Commission on the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy, provide the exclusive remedy by which the Government can take the military rifle and revolver in question?
- c. Does the forfeiture of the military rifle and revolver under the Federal Firearms Act deny claimant King due process of law and just compensation guaranteed by the Fifth Amendment of the Constitution of the United States?

Prior to the entry of the pretrial order (and recognized by the Court in the statement of the issues), Congress had enacted Public Law 89-318, 79 Stat. 1185, approved November 2, 1965, which declared that the national interest required that the United States acquire all right, title, and interest, in and to, certain items of evidence which were considered by the Warren Commission. The Act authorized the Attorney General to determine, from time to time, which items of evidence should be acquired and preserved by the United States. The Act further provided that whenever the Attorney General determines that an item should be acquired and preserved by the United States, "all right, title, and interest in and to, that item shall be vested in the United States upon the publication of that determination in the Federal Register." Section 3 of the Act vested the Court

Acting under the authority provided by Public Law 89-318, the Attorney General, on November 1, 1966, published his determination that the various items of evidence considered by the Warren Commission should be acquired and preserved by the United States. 31 F.R. 13968 et seq. Numerous items of evidence, including the rifle and revolver which were the subject of the in rem forfeiture action, were described in an appendix to the Attorney General's determination. Upon the publication in the Federal Register of the Attorney General's determination, "all right, title, and interest in and to," the rifle and revolver "vested in the United States * * * ." Section 2(b), Public Law 89-318, 79 Stat. 1185.

On October 27, 1967, appellant King filed suit, alleging jurisdiction under Public Law 89-318, against the United States in the United States District Court for the District of Colorado seeking just compensation for the two weapons acquired by the United States. King v. United States, Civil No. 67-C-518. That action is pending and scheduled for trial in December, 1968.

On February 19, 1968, more than fifteen months after the publication of the Attorney General's determination vesting the rifle and revolver in the United States pursuant to Public Law 89-318, appellant filed a motion for judgment in the court below praying that a judgment be

ARGUMENT

The District Court Properly Terminated the Forfeiture Proceedings by Dismissal of the Libel after Title to the Property had been Duly Vested in the United States.

The essence of appellant's argument is that the court below, in February 1968 and more than fifteen months after the title to the subject property had been duly vested in the United States, should have proceeded to determine ownership of the weapons. Since it is plain that the procedure proposed by appellant would have been completely improper in light of the circumstances of this case, the action by the district court in terminating the forfeiture proceedings by dismissal of the libel was clearly correct and therefore the district court's order should be affirmed.

Appellant relies upon 28 U.S.C. 2465 in contending that the court below should have determined his ownership of the weapons. Such reliance is, however, clearly misplaced.

Section 2465 of Title 28 provides:

"Upon the entry of judgment for the claimant in any proceeding to condemn or forfeit property seized under any Act of Congress, such property shall be returned forthwith to the claimant or his agent; but if it appears that there was reasonable cause of the seizure, the court shall cause a proper certificate thereof to be entered and the claimant shall not, in such case, be entitled to costs, nor shall the person who made the seizure, nor the prosecutor, be liable to suit or judgment on account of such suit or prosecution."

In addition, appellant's argument lacks merit since it is clear that 28 U.S.C. 2465 is not an absolute requirement that property be returned to a claimant for, as here, intervening events may divest the claimant of his interest.^{1/} The procedural setting in this case is not unlike that which was involved in United States v. The Antoinetta, 153 F.2d 138 (C.A. 3, 1945). In that case, the United States filed libels against certain Italian vessels in July 1941 claiming forfeiture under an Act of Congress which authorized forfeiture for acts of sabotage. The Italian owners of the vessels filed claims and sought dismissal of the libels. While the forfeiture proceeding was pending, and after the commencement of the Second World War, the Alien Property Custodian, acting under the Trading With the Enemy Act, issued a vesting order covering all the vessels involved in the forfeiture proceeding. The Custodian then petitioned the court for orders substituting him in place of the claimants. The district court granted the petition. The Court of Appeals affirmed. The court held that the vesting order had divested the claimants of whatever rights they had in the vessels and that such rights vested in the Custodian. The court declared:

^{1/} The statute's purpose has been found to be for the protection of federal officials against liability for costs or damages on account of the institution of forfeiture proceedings with reasonable cause. United States v. Tito Campanella Societa Di Nav., 217 F.2d 751, 756 (C.A. 4, 1954).

As noted, Congress specifically provided jurisdiction for the district courts to hear, determine and render judgment on any claim for just compensation in connection with the acquisition of the subject property. Appellant can scarcely claim injury by prolonged and duplicitous litigation when it is the appellant that instituted the suit for just compensation in the district court in Colorado. In defending that suit in Colorado, the Government has raised appropriate defenses to the appellant's claim. Rather than allow the district court in Denver to adjudicate the merits of appellant's claims and the Government's defenses in the Denver action, the appellant sought to have the court below determine the merits of those claims and defenses. The issues which appellant desires the court below to determine are properly questions for the district court in the Denver action. Appellant is thus seeking to have the court below render judgment on issues which were not considered or decided by that court so that he might assert their application to the issues which were raised in and which are to be decided by the district court in the Denver proceeding. The court below was clearly correct in declining to proceed as proposed by the appellant.

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Honorable George Murphy
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Murphy:

You have requested our consideration of the attached letter from [redacted] makes reference to the criticisms which have been aimed at the Warren Commission Report, and asks why some of the material gathered by the Commission in connection with its investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy has been withheld from the public.

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.

The Warren Commission gathered a vast amount of material, much of it having only remote connection with the assassination. The bulk of the material that was before the Commission either was published in its 26-volume Hearings or is available to researchers at the National Archives. The relatively small portion which is not now available to the public consists primarily of national security intelligence or investigative reports -- dealing largely with activities far removed from the assassination itself -- which if disclosed might compromise confidential sources or techniques, or in some cases

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jeopardize the lives of individuals abroad. Public availability of other information had been delayed pending completion of the prosecution of Jack Ruby, but this information has now been released. All of the Commission material which has not yet been released will be reviewed periodically until all of it has been made available to the public.

There is no evidence suggesting that Lee Harvey Oswald acted with anyone else in planning or carrying out the assassination.

I hope this information will be of interest to

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Sincerely,

Frank M. Wozencraft
Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legal Counsel

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November 21, 1967

Mr. Richard Helms
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Helms:

This acknowledges your memorandum of October 25, 1967 concerning the letter of Mr. Valentine Ashworth to the Attorney General dated September 27, 1967.

We have attached a copy of the most recent correspondence from Mr. Ashworth, in which he indicates his relationship with some of the anti-Castro Cuban groups and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

We would appreciate receiving your comments on Mr. Ashworth's statements and a summary of the extent of information regarding him contained in your files.

Sincerely,

FRED M. VINSON, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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James F. Greene
Deputy Associate Commissioner
for Domestic Control
Immigration and Naturalization Service

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

Valentine Ashworth

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R. M. H.

Attached is a copy of a letter from Mr. Valentine Ashworth to the Attorney General, in which he seeks to

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We understand that the Immigration and Naturalization Service has a file (#A 12729461) on Ashworth, and refer this matter for whatever action you deem appropriate.

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

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Valentine Ashworth

Attached for your information is a copy of a letter recently received from Mr. Valentine Ashworth, who is presently incarcerated in the Calcasieu Parish Jail, Lake Charles, Louisiana.

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We have referred Mr. Ashworth's inquiry about his citizenship to the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and forwarded a copy of his letter to the Central Intelligence Agency for its information.

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R. M. H.

November 21 1967

Mr. Valentine Ashworth
Post Office Box - V
Lake Charles, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Ashworth:

This acknowledges your letter of October 20, 1967,
to the Attorney General, in which you state your desire

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We have referred your letter to the Immigration
and Naturalization Service, which handles citizenship
matters.

Sincerely,

FRED M. VINSON, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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November 24, 1967

Honorable Edward J. Curney
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman:

This responds to your letter of November 21, 1967, concerning the letter of your constituent about the investigation being conducted in New Orleans into the assassination of the late President Kennedy.

We are aware of the discussions by Mr. Garrison of his alleged new evidence concerning the death of President Kennedy. We have no reason to believe, however, that such evidence would in any way affect the validity of the conclusions of the Warren Commission, which are presented in the Commission's Report.

It is a pleasure to serve you in this matter.

Sincerely,

FRED M. VINSON, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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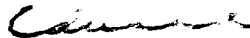
Dear Mr. Vinson:

This is in further reference to my letter of October 30 regarding the interview in Playboy magazine with James Garrison on the assassination of President Kennedy.

I have received the enclosed reply from my constituent in answer to your letter of November 6. I would appreciate any further comments or information you might be able to provide.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Edward J. Gurney

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November 13, 1967

Honorable Edward J. Gurney
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Gurney,

Thank you very much for your letter of November 9, 1967 with the enclosure from Mr. Vinson of the Department of Justice. I am afraid that Mr. Vinson has apparently missed the whole point. That point is this: Mr. Garrison has publicly stated that there existed, in the person of Rose Cheramie, an individual who said, several days before the assassination, that there was a plot on the life of President Kennedy. Mr. Garrison has further stated that he personally has seen portions of motion pictures showing a policeman coming out of the Texas School Depository and displaying a rifle without a telescope sight. This obviously could not have been Oswald's rifle; therefore, whose rifle was it? Neither of these two pieces of evidence which I have described was ever known to the Warren Commission, let alone considered. How, then, can Mr. Vinson say that there is no new evidence? On the contrary, there is ample new evidence.

I certainly agree with Mr. Vinson that it would be improper for a Federal agency to comment on the evidence in the actual case against Mr. Clay Shaw, but I cannot see why it is also improper to comment on new evidence concerning the assassination which Mr. Garrison has publicly brought to light. If Mr. Garrison has not discussed his proceedings with Federal authorities, then it seems to me that said authorities should contact Mr. Garrison and attempt to persuade him to do so.

I certainly appreciate Mr. Vinson's position in this matter. However, I must accept your kind invitation to further impose on you to pursue the matter further.

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REMARKS

Cliff -

We "no commented" ~~xxxxxx~~ Garrison's recent press conference. Now we have facts which appear to conclusively rebut many of his allegations.

Would this be a good time to issue a statement in this regard?

Fred Vinson

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