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REMARKS:

*No action
This is a
letter of thanks for your action
July*

United States Department of Justice

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70130

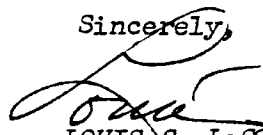
January 26, 1968

Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Walter:

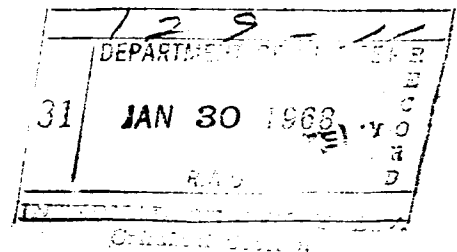
As per our conversation of last week, enclosed herewith is a copy of the Articles of Incorporation of the Guatemala Lumber & Mineral Corporation, as requested by you.

Sincerely,


LOUIS C. LaCOUR
United States Attorney

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February 5, 1968

Honorable Edward V. Long
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:

This is in response to your communication of January 25, 1968 transmitting a letter from [redacted] in which your constituent comments on the book, "Six Seconds in Dallas." 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.

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.

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

Sincerely,

Enclosure ✓

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FRED M. VINSON, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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PLEASE EXPEDITE

THIS MAIL SHOULD BE

ANSWERED WITHIN 48 HOURS

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Correspondence Section
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Administrative Division

United States Senate

January 25, 1968

Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Respectfully referred to

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
JAN 26 1968
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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

Edward V. Long

Edward V. Long U. S. S.

From: [REDACTED]

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JAN 15 1968

Dear Senator:

I have just read the book totled "Six Seconds In Dallas". I am a member of Southeast Missouri State College and I am majoring in History and Political Science. In one of my classes we have been discussing this book.

This book states that there were two assasins in the slaying of President Kennedy. This book also says that there is eyedence of this fact that is being held from the public by other privat citizens. I would like to know why this evidence has not been siezed by the government of the United States and released to the people of the United States.

As a resident of the state of Missouri I am looking forward to your reply before election time.

Thank You

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cc: Mr. Wozencraft
Mrs. Copeland
Mr. Schmidt
Mr. Hoffman
The File

JAN 21 1968

Mr. Joseph F. Dolan
Administrative Assistant to
Senator Kennedy of New York
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Dolan:

Warren Christopher has asked me to reply to your request for our comments on the letter to Senator Kennedy from Mr. Richard E. Sprague.

Since we have not seen the new photographic evidence which Mr. Sprague claims to have discovered, we cannot comment upon the conclusions he has drawn from that evidence in his monograph. However, the Federal Bureau of Investigation is always open to receive and investigate new evidence bearing on the assassination of President Kennedy if anyone uncovers valid new evidence. The Department of Justice is ready to examine any valid and relevant new evidence to insure that the facts surrounding the assassination have been completely uncovered.

While I would expect that Burke Marshall would have submitted to the Department anything which he considered relevant, I think it would be entirely appropriate for you to reply to Mr. Sprague that he should submit to the Department any new evidence which he has developed.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Frank M. Wozencraft
Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legal Counsel

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If you wish, I can put this in B & A Homes file, but I really think it belongs in whatever files you have on "Garrison's Follies," where it can be found if needed.

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Mr. Hoffman
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Mrs. Copeland
Mr. Schmidt

MAR 20 1968

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Mr. Bernard F. McKay



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Dear Mr. McKay:

Your letter to Senator Pell concerning the assassination of President Kennedy has been referred to me for reply.

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 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 completely uncovered and known to the public.

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Sincerely,

Frank M. Wozencraft
Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legal Counsel

cc: Hon. Claiborne Pell
United States Senate

MAR 20 1968

DATE: January 22, 1968

To: Mrs. Copeland
Office of Legal Counsel
Room 5131

From: Herbert E. Hoffman
Chief, Legislative & Legal Section
Office of the Deputy Attorney General

Subject: Correspondence from:

Senator Claiborne Pell re assassination of President
Kennedy.

Responsibility

_____ Prepare reply for signature of Deputy Attorney General and forward to Herbert E. Hoffman, Room 4117, Main Justice.

XX Make an appropriate reply with a copy to Herbert E. Hoffman, Room 4117, Main Justice.

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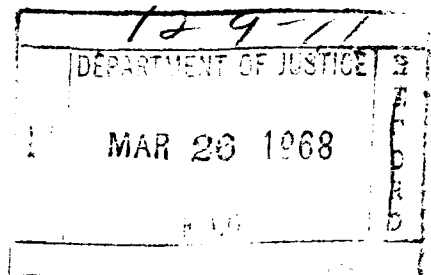
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XX No interim reply is being made.

_____ Copy of incoming correspondence attached.

XX Original of incoming correspondence attached.

_____ Please return attachment.



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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON
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 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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January 18, 1968

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Mr. Herbert E. Hoffman
 Officer in Charge
 Congressional Liaison Office
 4208 Department of Justice
 Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Hoffman:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter I have received
 from Mr. Bernard McKay concerning the assassination
 of President Kennedy.

I should be most appreciative if you would forward
 any comments you care to make regarding its contents
 to Mr. McNamara

[Redacted] 7C

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

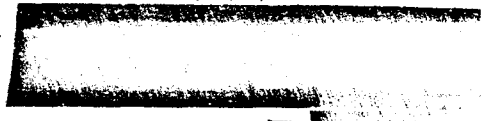
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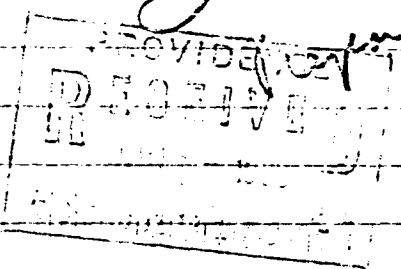


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January 4, 1967

Senator Claiborne Pell
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

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Senator Pell:

I have recently been studying the facts surrounding the assassination of John F. Kennedy, and I have seen a rather disturbing pattern emerge.

It appears obvious, from an F. B. I. and Secret Service data on John Kennedy's autopsy, that the wound in the "back of the neck," ~~is~~ was actually a wound that was almost 6 inches ~~(to the top)~~ below the top of the collar, and almost 2 inches to the right of the midline spinal column. Furthermore, this wound did not exit. In fact one of the doctors told Secret Service agents during the process of the autopsy, that there was no lane of exit for this wound! (All of this data comes from the testimony of the three Secret Service agents, and the report of the two F. B. I. men, who were present for the autopsy, and

who therefore personally saw
all of Kennedy's detectable wounds.)
(The throat wound was not seen by
anyone in the autopsy, because it
was obscured by a tracheotomy
performed in Dallas.)

The Warren Commission
states that there was a wound
on the back of the President's neck, and
that the doctors found the bullet's
path, tracing it to the throat
wound. All evidence indicates
that both of these contentions are
totally inaccurate.

Furthermore, the Warren
Commission based these conclusions
on the testimony of Dr. James J. Humes,
for the most part.

It simply is untrue
that any such bullet path
was found! And that is a fact.

It cannot be proven
that this bullet, which hit the
President from the rear, exited at
his throat, then severe complications
set in for the Commission's
basic conclusion, that Oswald
was the lone assassin. ~~That~~ Hence,

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and I assure you that this is indeed fact; there is no such proof!

The Commission concluded that this bullet exited at the President's throat, and went on to enter the body of Governor Connally. If this premise was not so, then there must have been another assassin, firing from the rear.

I should like to point out that the evidence strongly indicates that the bullet that first hit the President did not exit, furthermore, there is no evidence to support the contention that it did!

Since the time period is so short, ± 2 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ seconds, between the President's reaction and the Governor's, it is apparent that if they were hit by separate bullets, then the bullets were from 2 separate guns!

The photographic evidence does show the Governor reacting after the President. The Commission, in support of its "single-bullet" theory, suggests that

the Governor did not immediately realize he was hit, and for that reason, he could well have been hit by the same bullet.

The Commission is unbelievably ~~but~~ ludicrous on this point, for a delayed realization has nothing to do with it at all!

The point is, this reaction, $\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ seconds after the President, is not a mental one, it is a physical one. What we see in the main piece of evidence, the Zapruder film, is the Governor taking a sharp slump to his right shoulder, his cheeks puff, his hair goes awry, in this time sequence that is somewhat later than the President's reaction.

The sharp buckling of the Governor's shoulder is not the result of a realization that he was hit, it is the momentum of a bullet being transferred to a human body! He did not decide to buckle his shoulder, sharply; he did not decide to involuntarily force air into his cheeks; he did not decide

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to jar his ~~head~~ ^{body} so roughly that his hair would go awry.

This ~~is~~ is the physical result of a bullet striking his body. Quite apparently a later bullet, from a different gun.

Next, the President's fatal head wound.

At the time of his head wound, his ^{head} at first moved forward, and then suddenly his head and shoulders took a violent lurch to the left rear; a much more violent ^{movement}.

Also, at first, there was a spray of brain matter forward, yet at almost the same exact instant, there were clouds of matter and ~~blood~~ hitting the motorcycle policeman to the left rear of the car.

There were bullet fragments found on the floor of the front seat, yet there were pieces of skull bone, in fact ~~one~~ one rather sizeable piece of skull, that were found off to the left rear of the car's path.

The medical evidence indicated that a bullet went forward to the midtemple region, fracturing the right eye socket, etc. However, the medical evidence also indicated a shot that caused the rear bones of the skull to spring open, forcing brain matter out.

Further, and finally on this point, many people saw the gun fire a final shot from the Texas Book Depository. But the majority of witnesses in Dealey Plaza that day said that at least one of the shots was from the Grassy Knoll, behind the stockade fence, to the right front of the motorcade. A number of people saw a puff of smoke there, coinciding with one of the final shots.

It does definitely appear that the President's head wound was caused by two bullets, one from the rear, then, almost simultaneously, one from the right front.

very intelligent man, with his
B.A., M.A., and Ph.D.

His book, of late
fall 1967, is entitled:

Six Seconds In Dallas

I do sincerely hope that you
read this, and that you
suggest your colleagues do to, as
it is an exceptionally logical,
analytical, highly intelligent
study of November 22, 1963.

It is the best book in
print on the Kennedy Assassination,
perhaps better than the Warren Report.

Senator I found that
I could not very well write to the
Senators Kennedy on this matter. However,
I am writing to you, in the hope that
you will take this as seriously as I have.
That you won't shrug off this evidence,
as so many have done, ~~or~~ only then
to state:

A) the Warren Report was compiled
by a group of very competent
men,

B) It is wrong to discuss the
murder of John Kennedy.

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I agree, it is wrong to discuss our beloved President's death, constantly.

However, if the truth about the assassination were fully known, all the questions would be answered, or 99%, would be answered, but this is not presently so!

One sees the error of the Warren Commission's conclusions in a new light when one learns that the Commission never observed the X-rays and photos that were taken at the autopsy.

I do not, as some have done, propose that the Warren Report is the result of a massive effort to muffle the truth; that the Commission deliberate gave false conclusions. This is totally ridiculous!

However, because that they were honest, sincere men, does that mean that they saw all the evidence, questioned ~~of~~ all the witnesses?

Or, even reached the correct conclusions? NO!

Senator, please keep in mind that I am totally sincere, and I have not "jumped"

to any conclusions.

I ~~do~~ write to you on these matters in the hope that something can be done.

I know that you are a very busy man, but I sincerely hope that you will be able to read —

Six Seconds in Dallas

by - Dr.

Josiah Thompson

I realize that this may not be for a while, but, in the meantime, please write to me on this matter.

And, then, as soon as you have read the book by Dr. Thompson, write again, so that I will then know what your opinion is, and so that I will also know, if you agree with his conclusions, what, if anything can be done.

A Congressional committee perhaps?

Thank you very much.

However, one last word.

Letters of Arnold -
 The facts which are
 presented in this letter do not
 have the answer with them, etc.
 and, besides this, you probably
 are saying "Well, couldn't that
 have been covered by ..."

When you read Thompson's
 book, many of these questions
 are considered, and they are
 analyzed and answered.

Again, thank you, for
 your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Bernard F. McKay

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Honorable Warren G. Magnuson
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Senator Magnuson:

7C . You have requested our consideration of the attached letter from [REDACTED] concerning the withholding of certain evidence gathered by the Warren Commission in connection with its investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy.

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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. 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.

I hope this information is of interest to [REDACTED] 7C

Sincerely,

Frank M. Wozencraft
Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legal Counsel

Attachment

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