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January 29, 1975

Mr. Laurence Silberman
Acting Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Silberman:

As you know from my January 15th letter, which you have not yet answered, I represent Mr. Harold Weisberg.

Beginning in 1969, when he wrote then-Attorney General John Mitchell, Mr. Weisberg has several times inquired whether there has been surveillance on him or other intrusions into his life by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Mr. Weisberg specifically stated that reports had been made to him that the FBI was defaming him. Mr. Mitchell never denied this. Mr. Hoover never responded.

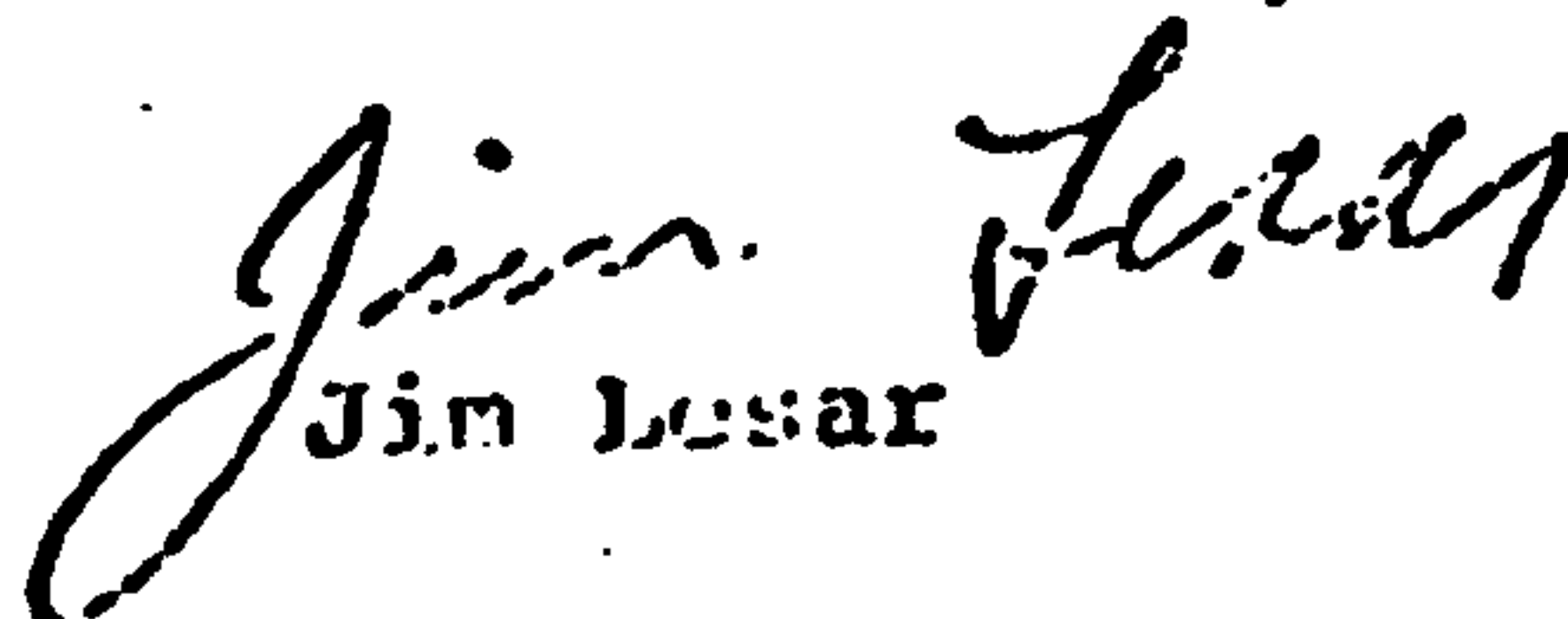
The Washington Post recently stated that the FBI had conducted surveillance on some Warren Commission critics. The Post also stated that the FBI had given some of its information and materials on Warren Commission critics to former Congressman Hale Boggs.

Mr. Weisberg is perhaps the best known Warren Commission critic. On his behalf, I request that you disclose whether the FBI's surveillance of Warren Commission critics included him. I also ask that you specifically state whether or not the FBI provided Congressman Boggs or any other person with materials or information on or about Mr. Weisberg.

Because there may be some overlap here, I further request that you respond fully and completely to the specific inquiries which Mr. Weisberg directed for former Attorney General John Mitchell.

I would appreciate your prompt reply to these requests.

Sincerely yours,


Jim Lesar

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February 27, 1975

James H. Lesar, Esq.
1231 Fourth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20024

1 - Mr. Mintz
1 - Mr. McCright
1 - Mr. Erosson

Dear Mr. Lesar:

This is in reply to your letter of January 29th, addressed to Mr. Laurence Silberman of the Department of Justice, and thereafter referred to me and received on February 19th.

I wish to state in response to your inquiry that FBI records contain no information to indicate your client, Mr. Weisberg, has been the subject of FBI surveillance. These records further do not disclose any reference to dissemination by us of information concerning him or his criticism of the Warren Commission along the lines you indicated in your letter.

With regard to your request for response to letters directed by Mr. Weisberg to former Attorney General Mitchell, our records reveal a copy of a letter dated March 12, 1969, had been referred to us, it having been reworded by the then Assistant Attorney General Will Wilson under date of March 23, 1969. The charges contained in the letter were general and made no specific allegations, and there is no record of further action being taken.

In a second letter, located in files of the Department of Justice under date of March 22, 1971, Mr. Weisberg alleged in non-specific terms that he had suspicions of being "tailed" in Manhattan, New York. These records contain no reference to this letter.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General - Enclosure

1 - File (65-15889-1075-1111)

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James H. Lear, Esq.

There are the only two instances of inquiries by Mr. Lear's firm directed to Attorney General Mitchell regarding alleged "links into his life" that we have been able to locate. As stated by the above, our files contain absolutely no information to substantiate these allegations.

I trust the above will be of assistance to you and Mr. Weisberg.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

NOTE: Weisberg has recently reinstated his FOIA request for information regarding the Kennedy assassination related Laboratory work, and the matter is currently in a pending status. Attorney Lear has been representing him in this regard in the past.

Review of Weisberg's main files and all references since 1963 disclosed no evidence of him being subject of a surveillance nor indication of any dissemination being made along lines he makes reference to.

Memorandum

TO : Mr. J. B. Adams

DATE: 3/24/75

FROM : Legal Counsel

SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST OF HAROLD WEISBERG

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dated March 13th

By memorandum from Legal Counsel to Mr. J. B. Adams under the above caption it was advised discussion with Mr. Weisberg concerning his request for laboratory data connected with the John F. Kennedy assassination investigation was planned for March 14th. This is to advise of the results.

Mr. Weisberg was accompanied by his attorney, James H. Lesar of Washington, D. C. Representing the FBI were SA Thomas H. Bresson of the FOIA Unit, Legal Counsel Division, SAs Robert A. Frazier and John W. Kilty of the Laboratory Division.

This discussion resolved what apparently was Mr. Weisberg's confusion as to what data, other than that which had been furnished to the National Archives, was in existence and in possession of the FBI. After the data was generally identified for him, and samples shown to him, he made specific requests for spectographic and neutron activation material which consists of tables and pages with results of readings, representing metal fragments from the body of President Kennedy and the body of Governor Connolly. Additionally requested were spectographic analyses data of the areas on the clothing of President Kennedy and Governor Connolly where the bullets may have passed. Weisberg also requested the available material relating to examination of the windshield of the President's automobile, and examination regarding metal fragments from the President's automobile. Additional request was made for laboratory examination data which may be available regarding testing done on a curbstone near the crime scene.

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- 1 - Mr. Adams - Enc.
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Legal Counsel to Mr. Adams memo
Re: FOIA Request of Harold Weisberg

Both Mr. Weisberg and Mr. Lesar indicated this would be completely satisfactory to them and would cover the scope of the current FOIA request with regard to laboratory data in the Kennedy assassination case.

With regard to the above request, the documents proposed for release are not considered to be material that would be subject to withholding under the current FOIA. It is estimated it will contain approximately 20-30 copied pages, and a preliminary estimate of a full-work day to search and compile. We would be authorized to charge ten cents per copy for reproduction, and \$2 per quarter hour for search and production of the documents, this being the fee specified in regulations for a non-clerical type search.

Discussion thereafter continued with SA Bresson regarding FOIA matters generally and specifically the pending civil suit. Mr. Lesar stated that receipt of the requested documents would moot the civil litigation with regard to laboratory documents.

Mr. Weisberg then attempted to formulate some additional FOIA requests regarding the Kennedy assassination investigative file regarding events in Dallas and investigation of Lee Harvey Oswald. He also indicated he plans to pursue further the Martin Luther King assassination case, including laboratory findings, and some general data of historical interest to him that he claims he furnished the FBI many years ago. Mr. Weisberg was informed, and he understands, that any future FOIA request will have to be submitted in writing in accordance with the Departmental regulations.

Mr. Lesar made reference to a letter we sent to him dated 2/27 in response to his letter of 1/29 which he directed to the then Acting Attorney General Laurence Silberman. He felt the reply was not responsive to his question, and that it particularly did not address the issue as to whether information concerning Mr. Weisberg had ever been furnished to former Congressman Hale Foggs. He advised he would pursue this matter further indicating he did not feel a reply based mainly on the search of records was sufficient in this case.

Legal Counsel to Mr. Adams memo
Re: FOIA Request of Harold Weisberg

The correspondence to which Lesar refers, copy attached, contained in addition to the Boggs question, a request for reply to what was identified as previously unanswered inquiries as to whether Weisberg was subject to surveillance or other intrusions into his life by the FBI. The reply, copy attached, was based on review of the Weisberg file and references in indices to him, and advised generally that FBI records contained no information to substantiate this.

During this conference Mr. Weisberg specifically asked if "Director Hoover's confidential files" were searched and the reply was that as far as is known, the appropriate files that would reflect the type of requested information, if it existed, were checked and no information to substantiate the allegations was found. Mr. Lesar asked if any contact was made with the son of Hale Boggs to verify this, and he was answered that we did not.

The "OC" file was not checked initially, but on 3/14 it was determined there is no reference to Weisberg contained therein.

Results of this discussion, insofar as the pending civil litigation is concerned was furnished to Mr. Jeffrey Axelrad of the Civil Division of the Department on 3/14 and to Assistant United States Attorney Michael Ryan, who is handling the case. Mr. Axelrad was advised we still had not received a copy of this complaint, and he stated he would insure we would receive it promptly.

RECOMMENDATION:

The requested documents be processed by Laboratory Division and coordinated with FOIA Unit for determination of charges and release.

Rf. J. W. P. O. S. J. P.

SUMMARY FROM FRENCH

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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

The envelope - marked "Personal" - is addressed to:

The Director of the FBI
9th Street and Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C.
20535
(U.S.A.)

The envelope is postmarked: Boulogne-Billancourt,
March 13, 1975.

The return address reads: 86 rue d'Agnesseau, 92100
Boulogne-Billancourt, FRANCE.

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This is a long, rambling and somewhat incoherent letter to the Director of the FBI, dated March 14, 1975, from Mr. Paul Gluc. The writer says that the FBI is the agency investigating the assassinations of President Kennedy, his brother Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King. He claims that "the CIA, or rather CIA agents relieved of their duties by Kennedy as a result of the Bay of Pigs incident, were responsible for Dallas and Watergate." D

"Bolshevism and the roots of Nazism," he says, "are identical, in the interpretation of KARL MARX."

Although "I am not a cop," he says, "I am anxious to pay tribute to John Edgar Hoover, posthumously." The writer of the letter claims that "Allen Dulles apparently belonged, like J. Edgar Hoover, to a small group of untouchables." The "Bay of Pigs incident," Paul Gluc says, "made Allen Dulles vulnerable...."

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The writer claims that Otto SKORZENY was an agent in the assassination of President Kennedy in Dallas, and says: "Mr. Director, only you can clear Otto Skorzeny of the guilt of being (an) agent in the Dallas operation with (the) passive complicity of Allen W. Dulles."

"I end here," he says, "with the hope of seeing the Dallas enigma solved," and extends best regards.

The signature is illegible.

Enclosed with the letter are two newspaper clippings.

The first one is from the Wednesday, March 12, 1975, (No. 292) issue of "Quotidien de Paris," and is entitled: "The CIA Outside of the Law." The second one, pasted on the reverse side, is from the March 12, 1975, issue of "Le Monde" and bears the title: "The CIA on Trial." Both newspaper clippings point out the fact that the CIA has, in recent times, been accused of getting itself involved in matters which it should never have gotten itself into; one very shining example of this is that the CIA has files on thousands of U.S. citizens, whereas the real job of the CIA is to work in territories outside of the United States proper. Although Congress is already conducting investigations of CIA activities on U.S. territory, nonetheless, President Ford will, in all likelihood, soon have to open up a new investigation on the intelligence-gathering agency... "in order to restrict its responsibilities." The CIA, consequently, "must now be prepared for a large-scale reform."

26 rue d'Aguesseau
92100 Boulogne Billancourt
FRANCE

A Monsieur le Directeur du F.B.I.

Vous êtes investigateur des Assassins de Pres
Kennedy, de Robert Kennedy et de Martin Luther King. La CIA non
officielle (ou plus exactement les agents de la CIA revoyés par le
Kennedy à la Base des Cochons) ont créé Dallas et le Watergate
avec pour principal agent Otto Skorzny (prouvé par lui-même)
Pour m'expliquer, j'ai joué le gentleman et non G'm
ou KGB

A 5 ans, j'ai eu une habitude de mon père militaire
à titre de Gendarme pour m'être occupé de la main d'un SS
en Avril 1943

A 28 ans j'étais captif appelé sous le drapeau français
en Algérie, j'ai fait comme les autres et j'ai perdu mon fr
"Pensées"?

Je ne suis pas "fils" et je tiens à rendre l'honneur
à John Edgar Hoover et être 1^{er} fils du monde au titre post

En haut en version française le livre d'Otto Skorzny
dans "Guerre Inconnue" chez Albin Michel à la page 135, son
sans commentaires et sans explication

"Pour en terminer avec LONG SAUT je dirai à Monsieur DIRECTE
fut sans doute prouvé par l'ORCHESTRE RUSSO SUISSE de me
reste à l'CKK on est aussi probablement, que j'ai eu
jugé le raide inévitable; mais l'occasion était trop belle
pour ne pas "CHAMBER" Roosevelt en signant de le pu
Churchill se trouvant au même camp avec"

(17) Ses Raisons du Nuzes ne (Nuzes) ...
comme l'interprétation de KARL MARX Voir l'exemple entre RFA et RDA
d'où on peut conclure le véritable terrain stratégique et celui d'OTTO SKORZNY

CIA (des héritiers Kennedy revêtu 3 de ses principaux dirigeants de la CIA au plus haut N. cas) Alors que quelq mois plus tôt, Allen Dulles semblait s'appartenir au même titre que J. Edgar Hoover, à la catégorie des chefs de sa memorable, l'opération de la Bure de l'Action L'an rendu vulnérable Par hasard on "découvre" un Sec Gen en U.R.S.S

La Guerre froide s'explique par la coexistence de son titre "La Guerre inconnue" à la page 420

"La Guerre n'est que la continuation de la politique par d'autres moyens"

Si ces moyens ont été profondément modifiés par l'existence de l'arme atomique, l'opération reste la continuation la plus évidente, l'expression la plus directe de la politique. Dans la plupart des cas, elle concerne en réalité beaucoup plus la politique ou l'économie que la science militaire proprement dite.

En ce sens, on ne peut pas dire, un nouveau type de combat est né. C'est un avènement organisé. Il tient de la Guerre de l'homme de science et d'imagination, de l'économie et du psychologue

Il peut surgir de l'eau ou tomber du ciel, se présenter dans les rues de la capitale de l'ennemi, ou même lui donner les ordres

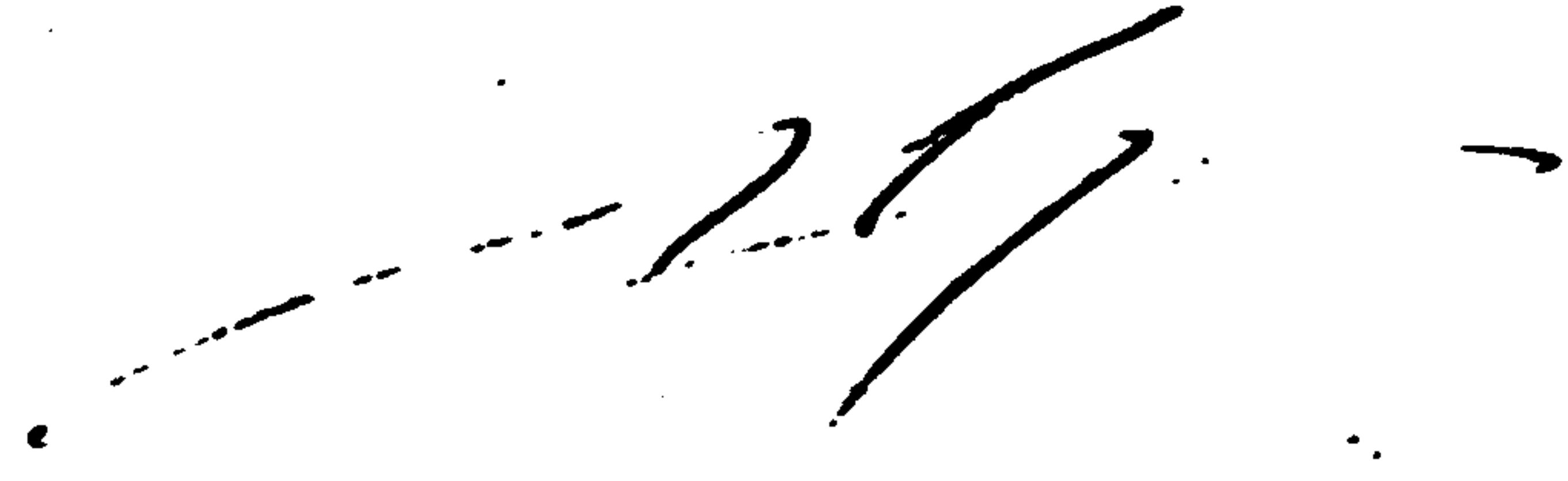
En réalité, la guerre lui paraît être un anachronisme. C'est en vain que les Généraux "Conventionnels" se considèrent avec une suspicion bien compréhensible

Il existe et ne peut plus disparaître

... de Dallas; et c'est lui qui constitue la
véritable et me semble de la ...

Le Directeur du F. B. I. vous prouve
sur enquête Otto Skorzony d'être l'agent
de l'opération de Dallas avec complaisance
d'Allen W. Dallas.

Je fais à ceci en espérant
l'origine de Dallas résolu. Veuillez agréer M.
Le Directeur du F. B. I. mes respectueuses salutations.



P.S. Merci pour les précieuses notes au
sujet du Watergate pour être dans le service
des vivants et non l'histoire du Chacal
Film de Louis Zinnerman réalisation aussi
du Train après trois fois.

Chacal est joué par Edward Fox, M.
Sondale Michel Auban etc.

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Bufiles indicate 2 prior incoming from Gluc dated 11-24-66 & 3-8-67 concerning the Bureau's investigation of the assassination of John F. Kennedy. These contain several sarcastic and nonsensical remarks. No Acknowledgment was made of either of them.

No Acknowledgment Warranted

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March 31, 1975

- 1 - Mr. White
- Atten: Mr. Kilty
- 1 - Mr. Mintz

James B. Lessor, Esq.
 1131 Fourth Street, S. W.
 Washington, D. C. 20024

Dear Mr. Lessor:

Assassination of Pres. John F. Kennedy

I am enclosing 17 pages of material described in my letter to you dated March 26th, plus five pages of documents relating to the curators examination which your client, Mr. Weisberg, has requested.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence H. Kelley
 Director

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Enclosures (5)

- 1 - Honorable Michael Ryan
 Assistant United States Attorney
 Room 3421
 United States District Courthouse
 3rd Street and Constitution Avenue, S. W.
 Washington, D. C. 20001
- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General
 Attention: Sue Hanger
- 1 - Assistant Attorney General
 Civil Division, Attention: Mr. Aylward
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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD
KENNEDY, DALLAS, TEXAS, 11/22/73
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Re Dallas telephone call to Supervisor WILLIAM EARL
NETTLES, JR., 3/6/75.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy each of the fol-
lowing five (5) described newspaper articles:

(1) "The Dallas Morning News", Dallas, Texas, of
2/20/75, captioned "Gonzalez Asks Probe of Killings", which
article indicates U. S. Representative Henry B. Gonzalez of
San Antonio, has asked the House of Representatives to in-
vestigate the deaths of JOHN KENNEDY, ROBERT KENNEDY and
MARTIN LUTHER KING and the attempted murder of Governor
GEORGE WALLACE.

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(2) "The Dallas Morning News", Dallas, Texas, of
2/23/75, captioned "Hoover's Imposter Memo on Oswald Said
Withheld", which article indicates J. Edger Hoover in 1960
sent a memorandum to the State Department raising the pos-
sibility that an imposter might be using the credentials of
an American defector named LEE HARVEY OSWALD, who was then
in the Soviet Union.

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(3) "The Dallas Times Herald", Dallas, Texas, of 3/5/75, captioned "Assassination Film to Air = Zapruder Movie of JFK Murder on TV". This article states the film of Abraham Zapruder showing the assassination of President John F. Kennedy is scheduled to be televised nationally by ABC during the Wide World of Entertainment program starting at midnight, Thursday (3/7/75), narrated by Robert Groden, a New York slide duplication technician for industrial shows.

(4) "The Dallas Morning News", Dallas, Texas, of 3/6/75, captioned "Kennedy Probe Quietly Sought". This article reflects the U. S. Justice Department has asked Assistant United States Attorney Kenneth Mighell at Dallas to quietly examine any new information on the assassination of President Kennedy. This article reflects that Mighell has stated he has not received any new information, and that he does not consider the airing of the Zapruder film on ABC - TV narrated by Robert Groden to be "new".

(5) "The Dallas Morning News", Dallas, Texas, of 3/6/75, captioned "Kennedy Film Won't Be Cut". This article reflects that Mike Shapiro, President of Belo Broadcasting Corporation and WFAA - TV, Dallas, had agreed not to edit the film version of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy to be shown nationally for the first time shortly after midnight, Thursday, (3/7/75).

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Gonzalez Asks Probe Of Killings

Washington Bureau of The News
WASHINGTON — Rep. Henry Gonzalez of San Antonio Wednesday asked the House of Representatives to investigate the deaths of John Kennedy, Robert Kennedy and Martin Luther King and the attempted murder of Gov. George Wallace.

Gonzalez introduced a resolution calling for a 7-member House committee to investigate the crimes after Watergate "revealed possibilities heretofore considered not possible.

"WE MUST settle for once and for all in the interest of the welfare of our country and the future of its people the truth of what happened at Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963, and what Lee Harvey Oswald carried to his grave before he had his day in court, and perhaps what Oswald did not know," the Democrat said in remarks prepared for the Congressional Record.

"We must find out if the President's death was in retaliation to the Bay of Pigs invasion against Cuba, and what connection did Oswald's murderer, Jack Ruby, also dead, have with all of this.

"We must find out if there is any connection with the deaths of Sen. Robert Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King, and why there is any reason for cases of their two assassins to be back in the courts."

GONZALEZ SAID there is reason to subpoena Watergate figure E. Howard Hunt and Nixon aide Charles Colson, citing reports that Colson ordered Hunt to break in a suspect's home after the Wallace shooting.

"During the past several months I have become increasingly sensitive to the need to conduct such an investigation because I have become a rallying point for people from throughout the country who are unsatisfied with the findings of the Warren Commission about the death of President Kennedy," Gonzalez said.

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"The Dallas Morning News"
Dallas, Texas

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Hoover's Imposter Memo On Oswald Said Withheld

By BEN A. FRANKLIN
© New York Times News Service, 1975
WASHINGTON—J. Edgar Hoover in 1963 sent a memorandum to the State Department raising the possibility that an imposter might be using the credentials of an American defector named Lee Harvey Oswald, who was taken in the Soviet Union.

This memo from the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and two subsequent State Department memos related to it were apparently not shown to key investigators of the Warren Commission, which examined the assassination of President Kennedy and determined the Oswald, acting alone, was the assassin.

The late Hoover's warning of the "possibility" that an imposter could be using Oswald's identification data, in the Soviet Union or elsewhere, came more than two years before the murder of the American president in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963. The imposter theory was re-

jected, by implication but not directly, in the published report of the Warren Commission, and its significance could not be determined.

THE BODY of the man who the commission concluded had shot the president—and who was shot to death by Jack Ruby two days later—was identified by his mother and other relatives and also by fingerprints and other physical features as that of Lee Harvey Oswald.

But the apparent withholding of information from commission investigators responsible for checking Oswald's activities in foreign countries supported a theory of some critics of the commission's final report that the panel had come to its conclusion regarding Oswald without having had all the facts.

A spokesman for the FBI said, in response to questions, that "we can definitely state now with the necessary precision that a copy of the

Hoover memo was shown to a member of the Warren Commission staff in the presence of an FBI agent." However, the spokesman said that he could not identify the commission staff member to whom the memo reportedly had been shown. Neither J Lee Rankin, the former general counsel of the commission, nor any of his former staff aides who were most involved in investigating Oswald's background, said they could remember seeing it.

HOWEVER, Howard Wilens, now a private lawyer here, identified himself in an interview Saturday as the commission lawyer who had reviewed the FBI file. Wilens, who was then the commission's special liaison officer to the Justice Department, said the "While I do not think that anyone can state now with the necessary precision whether or not he saw the Hoover memo, it is my best recollection that I did, in fact, see that memo."

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"The Dallas Morning News"
—Dallas, Texas

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"I do not want to be in a public debate with my old colleagues." Willens said, "but I know that there was discussion of this among others on the staff concerned with the activities of Oswald abroad. I am concerned with continued public references to the notion that the commission overlooked obvious facts."

Shown the FBI memos and the two State Department documents—discovered in the national archives here by a private researcher—W. David Slawson, a lawyer who checked out rumors about Oswald for the commission in 1964, said he thought the assassination inquiry should be reopened.

Slawson, who is now a law professor at the University of Southern California, said he and other investigators had never been shown the memos.

"We were the rumor runner-downers, and we certainly should have seen this material, as we did a great deal of other stuff that we showed to be unfounded," he said.

Assassination Film to Air

Zapruder Movie of JFK Murder on TV

By EARL GOLZ

A film showing the assassination of President John F. Kennedy is scheduled to be televised nationally for the first time shortly after midnight Thursday by the American Broadcasting Co., a network spokeswoman said Tuesday.

WFAA-TV, the ABC station in Dallas, confirmed that the film, originally shot by Abraham Zapruder of Dallas, will be shown during the Wide World of Entertainment program starting at midnight Thursday.

ROBERT GRODEN, narrator of the film, was in Dallas Tuesday to show the movie during a press conference.

Groden, a New York slide duplication technician for industrial shows, contends his enlargements and slow motion version of the Zapruder film prove "there is no question that at least one shot came from in front of Kennedy."

"This alone negates the conclusion of the Warren Commission that only Lee Harvey Oswald was shooting at the president's car," Groden said.

The Warren Commission concluded in 1964 that Oswald fired three rifle shots from the sixth floor of the Texas Book Depository Nov. 22, 1963. Two of the bullets hit Kennedy from the back, the commission claimed, and a third missed the motorcade entirely.

ONE OF THE bullets passed through Kennedy's body and hit then Gov. John Connally in the front seat of the president's car, the commission stated.

The Groden film version purports to spot a gunman behind the west end of the retaining wall of the white colonnade atop the grassy knoll in Dealey Plaza.

The ABC spokeswoman in New York told The News that not all of Groden's film version will be televised because of "time limitations."

"The closeup of what he (Groden) says is a gunman in the bushes has been taken out," she said. "But there is another angle from which he says he can see the gunman and that's in."

Also scheduled to be shown is Kennedy being hit by gunfire while riding in the back seat of the presidential car with his wife, Jacqueline.

The Groden film version shown here Tuesday clearly shows Kennedy fall forward slightly when apparently hit in the neck from behind by a first shot.

The next action shows him reversing his direction and jerking backwards violently as the right front of his head appears to fly away from the impact of at least one other shot.

Groden contends the head shot was triggered by a rifleman in the colon-

ade area to the front and right of the car.

He claims it was the final of "at least" six shots fired at the motorcade—five hitting either Kennedy or Connally — from four or more firing points.

Groden acknowledges that the original Zapruder film was purchased by Life magazine, which has not given him permission to show it.

He says his version, "a third generation film and as close to the original as you can get," was "appropriated and wasn't really stolen."

Zapruder, a dress manufacturer, died in 1970. He said he sold picture rights for a reported \$25,000 to Life. The motion picture, which is in color, was taken from a perch in the colonnade area near where Groden said his gunman was.

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'The Dallas Times Herald'
Dallas, Texas

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Kennedy Probe Quietly Sought

By EARL GOLZ

The U.S. Justice Department has asked an assistant U.S. attorney here to quietly examine any new information on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, The Dallas News has learned.

Assistant U.S. Atty. Kenneth Mighell said he was told to forward to Washington what he considers "new evidence" in the case.

So far, however, Mighell said he has not forwarded anything to Washington because he has seen "not a thing new" since he began receiving information from citizens about two months ago.

This includes films of the assassination shot Nov. 22, 1963, by Abraham Zapruder and others, which are scheduled to be shown in part by the American Broadcasting Co.'s television affiliates shortly after midnight Thursday.

ROBERT GRODEN, narrator of

the ABC film version, said in Dallas earlier this week that it proves "there is no question that at least one shot came from in front of Kennedy."

Groden asserts "this alone negates the conclusion of the Warren Commission that only Lee Harvey Oswald was shooting at the president's car."

Mighell said he asked the Justice Department whether he should start collecting any new information about the assassination after he learned about a letter U.S. Sen. John Tower

of Texas had received from then Assistant U.S. Atty. Gen. Henry Petersen, head of the Justice Department's criminal division.

Mighell said a copy of the letter was in the possession of Lu Staples, who has conducted several radio talk shows about the assassination.

Staples, who was at a Groden press conference here this week, became infuriated when Mighell refused to come to the Adolphus Hotel to view the Groden film version. He indicated Mighell's role was merely to "pacify" conspiracy theorists interested in the assassination.

"I've personally seen the Zapruder film," Mighell said, "when we had it before Life magazine got it. So what is he going to show me that's new? If he is going to show me a doctored film, that isn't evidence . . ."

"SOMEBODY COULD take those films and make anything they wanted out of them. And he (Groden) has doctored them up with his time framing. (so) how do we know he didn't doctor them up by putting a figure (second gunman) in the background?"

The federal attorney asked whether "they honestly expect us to start digging up more witnesses and find phantom snipers," even if everyone agreed the films show "a guy sitting up there that may have had a rifle and the bullet may have come from that direction."

Mighell also asked how Groden explains "a front entry bullet tearing off the front of the head. An entry wound is a very small, almost obscure wound. It's the exit wound that is gaping."

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The U.S. attorney's office so far has received "a list of a bunch of witnesses who will testify," some magazine articles and a book, Mighell said.

All came from Bernard Fensterwald Jr., Washington attorney for key Watergate figure James W. McCord Jr. and founder of the privately financed Committee to Investigate Assassinations.

MIGHELL SAID he was "in the process of just showing Fensterwald the courtesy of reading what he sent me. And when I'm all through, if I'm unable to find in any of this stuff new evidence," nothing will be forwarded to the Justice Department in Washington.

He added that he is "looking for evidence, not interpretation of evidence that's already been ruled on . . . If there is a federal crime involved somewhere then we will investigate it. But the basic problem we have always had with the Kennedy assassination is there is no federal crime involved."

Kennedy Film Won't Be Cut

By EARL GOLZ

The president of WFAA-TV decided Wednesday not to edit any of the film version of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy to be shown nationally for the first time shortly after midnight Thursday.

Mike Shapiro, president of Belo Broadcasting Corp. and WFAA-TV, earlier Wednesday stated he would not air the film version because of the "gross scenes" showing Kennedy's skull tearing off from the blast of gunfire in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963.

He changed his mind, however, after viewing the film twice and after receiving more than 100 telephone calls from area residents demanding the film be shown in its entirety.

"I have had enough immediate reaction from the city," Shapiro said. "I am not going to deprive it of the film."

The film, taped by the American Broadcasting Co. for its affiliates showing the Wide World of Entertainment program starting at midnight Thursday, is narrated by New York

slide film technician Robert Groden and comedian Dick Gregory.

Most of the 50-second film comes from footage taken by Abraham Zapruder, a Dallas dress manufacturer, from the grassy knoll in Dealey Plaza.

Groden asserted here earlier this week the film proves "there is no question that at least one shot came from in front of Kennedy."

Shapiro said after viewing the film that if people expect to see positive proof "it's not in there." He said it will be aired preceded by a disclaimer that will say, "This is an occasional special; we didn't know the subject was coming up."

Shapiro said he saw the Zapruder film after the assassination and thought then "I wouldn't run it now or ever."

Groden talked here this week of what he contends is a second gunman at the white colonnade on the grassy knoll seen in his film version. However, the ABC version doesn't mention this.

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Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy each of the following described newspaper articles relating to recent controversial aspects of captioned case:

1. "Fort Worth Press," Fort Worth, Texas, of 3/23/75, captioned "For Marguerite Oswald: 2 Hungers; Mrs. Oswald: Lee was a U.S. Agent." This article relates an exclusive interview with MRS. MARGUERITE OSWALD, mother of LEE HARVEY OSWALD, by JEAN WYSATTA.

2. "Fort Worth Star-Telegram," Fort Worth, Texas, of 3/15/75, captioned "Secret Service Head Favors Oswald Probe." This article relates that U.S. Secret Service Director H. STEWART KNIGHT says recent allegations that LEE HARVEY OSWALD did not kill President JOHN F. KENNEDY should be "thoroughly investigated."

3. "Fort Worth Star-Telegram," Fort Worth, Texas, of 3/26/75, captioned "Unchanged" and reflecting comments of ROBERT OSWALD to the effect that "nothing has come to light in the past 11 years" to make him change his conclusion that his brother, LEE HARVEY OSWALD, fired the shots that killed President JOHN F. KENNEDY.

The above-described articles are furnished the Bureau for its information.

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For Marguerite Oswald:

12 hungers

Mrs. Oswald: Lee

was a U.S. agent

**Mother of the accused assassin
grants an exclusive interview**

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By JEAN WYSATTA

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Outside, the winds of controversy gather new strength over Lee Harvey Oswald's mark on history, while inside, his mother in Fort Worth waits and watches, enduring two kinds of hunger.

Inside, on a typical day, she makes three meals out of one quart of buttermilk, or cereal, so she can afford the newspaper to read about the things that happen outside — the growing number of headlines that carry the name Oswald.

Her two hungers:

Always and forever, it seems, Marguerite Oswald has had an obsessive need for public recognition of "this mother . . . this woman in history."

Her immediate hunger is less spiritual. It's an empty stomach.

"I live below the poverty line. I'm not asking for help and I'm not complaining," she says.

Her income is \$165 a month in Social Security and Supplemental Income. She gets another \$25 a month by selling her signature to collectors she will not name.

Mrs. Oswald has always been poor, a condition mentioned often in the torrent of words that flowed forth after her son, Lee Harvey Oswald, was accused of shooting to death

President John F. Kennedy in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963, and then was murdered himself two days later.

Of her New Orleans upbringing, she has said, "I was poor but never trashy. I'd know better than to go to the door in my apron."

Her bank account was depleted five months ago.

Lee's father died two months before he was born. Lee's mother, twice widowed and once divorced, had to manage by working as a practical nurse.

In July she will be 67.

The years since 1963 have changed Mrs. Oswald very little.

Her pink-skinned face has fallen somewhat and her hair has whitened. She's on the plump side but pleasantly neat and scented of face powder. She uses her voice, soprano, like a slide trombone, soft and then shrill.

The home she bought in the Arlington Heights neighborhood—mortgage now \$107 a month — is so laundered looking it seems freshly painted. Her living room is early American, sunshiny and presided over by a print of "Whistler's Mother" which she once called "another mother in history."

The passing years have not changed her compulsion to relate to many things that happen on the outside.

Mrs. Oswald had words to say about the death of Aristotle Onassis and his widow, the former Jacqueline Kennedy:

"Here I am, a woman, penniless, hungry. On the same day you have this woman in the news, the richest woman in the world. In the news, always one is high on the totem pole and one is low on it."

Other recent news stories have provided more openings for her views, reinforcing her passionate demand to be "a mother in history."

She was pleased to point out former CIA official George O'Toole claimed that tape recordings of Lee showed him to be innocent because his voice betrayed no stress.

"THE OTHER day a machine said he was innocent. Some people didn't believe Lee Harvey Oswald or his mother. Maybe they'll believe this machine."

Mrs. Oswald, waiting on the inside, has a keen sense of the irony of events outside.

Her memory goes back to 1959 when the news indicated that Lee was a defector to Russia.

"Russia was a bad word, but now history has proven itself. Presidents visit Russia."

Through the years she has insisted as much on Lee's innocence as her belief that he was an American secret agent. At least, as one columnist put it recently, Lee, with his undesirable record in Russia, got back into the United States easily enough.

She appeared before the Warren Commission in early 1964. It was reported that she said:

"Who can prove he is not a CIA agent? He isn't going to say he's a CIA agent, and the government isn't going to say he is. I have as much circumstantial evidence that he was as the Dallas police have that he was the assassin."

WHATEVER information Mrs. Oswald thinks she has, the public will not know until her book is published. She has been making notes for it since 1959, she says.

On Dec. 4, 1963, less than a month after Dallas, she said, "I'm not answering any questions. It will all come out in my book."

So far, no book.

In recent years, faced with the prospect of her poverty, ired by telephone calls from news reporters, she has refused to give interviews unless she was paid. She extended this condition to include taking of her picture and no taping of her voice which she said always sounded "hysterical."

This interview was an exception to her rule.

Now, there are voices on the outside asking for a re-opening of the assassination investigation, expressing doubts about the "lone assassin" theory. But Mrs. Oswald herself has revealed no evidence strong enough to open old, closed doors.

Her remark linking Lee with the CIA is more pertinent in the light of new events.

Remembering it, she says now, "When I said CIA, I meant government intelligence, like the Internal Revenue or FBI."

EXPLAINING she was "just a mother and housewife," she couldn't be expected to use purely accurate terms.

She likens her use of the phrase "CIA" to calling any refrigerator a Frigidaire.

Why did she think Lee was a secret agent? "I thought it because of extenuating circumstances that caused me to believe Lee had gone to Russia in service of his country."

"In 1961, when I went to Washington to locate Lee, I told those big mucky mucks that I believed my son was a CIA agent. They laughed. Six weeks later they gave me his address. They knew where he was all the time, but for 20 months I didn't know if he was alive or dead."

Pushed for a definition, she says, "Extenuating circumstances means things are not the way they seem. All this is documented in the 28 volumes." (The Warren Commission report.)

MRS. OSWALD spent money to buy the 28 volumes. She has read and re-read them and takes pleasure in pointing out inaccuracies she says they contain.

~~She has~~ penciled notes in margin of the books.

Now, she wants to sell them, along with her sizable library on the assassination.

She has to sell her personal belongings to exist, she says.

Who would argue with that?

Her library consists of 500 hardbacks she keeps carefully wrapped in plastic and lined up neatly on the shelves in the small back sitting room of her home.

A male German police dog guards what's inside from the outside.

The library also contains paperbacks, magazines, periodicals, letters and "documents."

Mrs. Oswald says she has no further need of the library, because she's made notes from the books to use in her book.

"I want to sell to a philanthropist if they'll pay me what I paid and promise to give the library to a college or university for the students."

She says, "Publicly, I'm not putting a price on it. The complete library would run into money. There are thousands and thousands of documents."

If she gets any takers on her offer to sell,

a big part of her son, Lee, will go out of her life.

Lee, from his grave in Rose Hill Cemetery, helped build those rows of books.

DURING FIVE years or more following his death, Lee's letters were auctioned off by a New York gallery for Mrs. Oswald. One letter reportedly drew \$3500 from the highest bidder, or more money than one letter of President Kennedy's, Mrs. Oswald has said.

She took part of the money to buy books, the rest to pay on the loan on her home and to eat.

"It was a heartbreak to sell Lee's letters. I have something left, a letter from Russia, and I need to sell that. But for the past year, no, I haven't sold anything," she says.

The library contains volumes she relates to the lives of the Oswalds, books on Russia, Cuba and New Orleans — "our background." It has books on religion, "Great True Spy Stories" by former CIA chief Allen Dulles, FBI books and the two-volume "The Glory and the Dream" by William Manchester.

She opens the latest Manchester writing and points to one allusion to her as "a strong-minded widow."

"I didn't expect to find myself in that book.

That's the thing. I worry everybody. I worry William Manchester. Don't kid your self, I do," she says.

MANCHESTER IS not accurate, she says, and is one of the writers she has filed suit on for calling Lee an assassin.

Framed pictures are displayed on the library shelves. One is of President Gerald Ford, who was a member of the Warren Commission.

Two identical pictures are of Marina Oswald Porter, whom Lee left a widow. One photograph is of Lee's tombstone.

Lee's face, from babyhood to final bruised countenance the day he died, peers from an assortment of handsome frames.

His mother traded her autograph for the frames.

She regrets people saying that final picture revealed a smirk that said, in effect, an obscure nobody changed history. And his mouth — that's just the way it was.

Has she seen Marina and her two grandchildren since the funeral at Rose Hill? Has she seen sons, John Pic and Robert Oswald?

Her answer is "I have not seen a soul since Nov. 28, 1963."

FORMERLY A Lutheran, she could not get a Lutheran minister or any other minister of a church to officiate for Lee's funeral. Does she attend church now?

She tried, she says. "In a congregation of 200 people, I wasn't accepted."

While it was reported Marina received \$20,000 or more from sympathizers, Marguerite Oswald received \$800, she says.

That money has long since been spent.

When asked if she could work, Mrs. Oswald says, "How can I work? Out of four people, two are against me. Since I am a public figure, no one would employ me. Customers might object."

She still recalls the times she had to move in Fort Worth because landlords thought her the mother of a Russian defector.

Mrs. Oswald, with pride in her appearance, says she has had nothing new to wear in three years. It strained her budget to spend \$5 on gasoline last month.

"I CAN'T TELL you the last time I had a meal. I haven't eaten meat since 1973. Now, I don't want any. I have some chicken, fish and eggs. I'm not starving but I'm not eating properly."

To save on her electricity bill, she turns off the lights at night and watches TV in the dark. She uses cornmeal and grease to stretch the food for two dogs whose coats show them to be in good condition.

The time passes when she gets the newspaper and the mail, answers telephone calls, some of them long distance from persons interested in the mother of Lee Harvey Oswald.

Every year she gets less mail. She averages two or three letters a week after more than 11 years. Some are simply addressed to her name and Fort Worth, Tex.

She is proud she's been invited to speak at TCU and before Arlington Sertoma Club.

SHE'S AN EXPERT, she believes, in making the best of a bad situation. For seven years after 1963, she had no income. At age 62, she began receiving Social Security.

"I have a guardian angel. I'm compensated for the injustice done to my son, whether he was an assassin or not.

"There is no reason why this woman has to suffer. Because of the abuse, because this is a world-wide case, I think am compensated by this influencing, guiding spirit."

It is obvious Marguerite Oswald is angered by her financial situation.

Yet the outside might come inside and provide her a windfall, she reasons.

"My position fluctuates. Tomorrow, I might get an advance on a book or sell a document . . . It's been this way before, and I stuck it out. I'm in perfect health. I'm a strong woman."



The mother of Lee Harvey Oswald is pictured in her library at the rear of her home on Fort Worth's West Side, with her German shepherd pet, a guard dog. Marguerite Oswald would not like to see the assassination case re-opened unless there is full disclosure, including opening the national archives. But, she says, someone might come forward with new facts — "it's a hope and a possibility." — Press Staff Photo by Gene Gordon.

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Secret Service Head Favors Oswald Probe

Star-Telegram Wire Services

U.S. Secret Service Director H. Stewart Knight says recent allegations that Lee Harvey Oswald did not kill President John F. Kennedy should be "thoroughly investigated." He says, however, he still believes the Warren Commission finding that Oswald, acting alone, assassinated the late president. Earlier this week former Central Intelligence Agency agent George O'Toole said Oswald was "framed." He conducted psychological stress analysis of Oswald's voice on tape recordings in which he denied guilt of the Nov. 23, 1973, assassination. Knight was in Birmingham, Ala., to address a banquet honoring Alabama's outstanding Law Enforcement Officer of the year.

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UNCHANGED — Robert Oswald says "nothing has come to light in the past 11 years" to make him change his conclusion that his brother Lee Harvey Oswald fired the shots that killed President John F. Kennedy. "The conclusions and evidence presented by the Warren Commission are still valid as far as I am concerned," the 38-year-old Oswald said yesterday. He is a junior executive in a firm that operates nursing homes in Texas and Oklahoma and was interviewed yesterday by a Dallas radio station.

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I forward the attached for your consideration. I would appreciate receiving your response with an additional carbon copy, and the return of the original correspondence, as soon as possible. Please direct your response to ~~Mr. Edward Hoover~~ of my Washington, D.C. staff.

Ann Berman

Thank you for your time and effort.

Sincerely

John V. Tunney
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United States Senator

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John V. Tunney
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Dear Mr Turner,

I read the enclosed article today
and was shocked at its implications.
It can and will anything be done to
resolve the questions raised by Mr Rhodes

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Rhodes Attacks Warren Report - Changes Conspiracy in JFK's Death

by Tom Tierman
Staffwriter

Private investigator Keris Rhodes attacked many crucial points in the Warren Commission Report on

Judge John F. Kennedy's assassination and offered evidence of a conspiracy possibly including high level government involvement. Rhodes' right to two packed envelopes at Ed Chen.

Rhodes, who's ever busy driver of the Los Angeles Times, is in the Los Angeles area. He is a private investigator and has been in the Los Angeles area for many years. He is a private investigator and has been in the Los Angeles area for many years. He is a private investigator and has been in the Los Angeles area for many years.

Using flat, fold, tapes and diagrams to supplement his lectures Rhodes, questioned evidence supporting the Commission's conclusion that Lee Harvey Oswald fired the shots that struck down Kennedy and severely wounded brother Texas

This particular bullet was said to have gone through horse in two areas of Connolly's body, and emerged virtually intact and pristine.

"We call this super bullet," Rhodes said. He showed a diagram on the various trajectory changes which the bullet would have to take to coincide with Warren Commission findings and labeled them ridiculous. Rhodes also said the bullet would have had to have a spin of 1.8 seconds, the time between when Connolly was hit and when Connolly was wounded.

"And yet," he said, "The Warren Commission says that if you cannot account for the bullet's path, you cannot accept the report."

During the course of two presentations Rhodes showed the Bump and 16 mm versions of the Zapruder film, taken by lawyer Albert Zapruder, showing the assassination. At the time of the assassination, according to Rhodes, the American people were erroneously told that the fatal shot caused the President to lurch violently forward.

"Of course if he was shot from

Rhodes said this included two motorcycle policemen riding alongside the Presidential vehicle. Zapruder who was standing on the grassy knoll, and seven men standing on an overpass overlooking the entire area.

Concerning the seven men on the overpass Rhodes stated, "All seven state that they actually saw a rifle barrel protrude over the top of the wooden picket fence at the top of the grassy knoll. In fact three of the individuals said they saw a puff of smoke coming from that rifle barrel."

He said that only one of these men was interviewed by the Warren Commission and his testimony was entirely distorted.

He noted that President Kennedy's last Executive Order called for all American troops to be pulled in from Vietnam, an order which angered much of the military establishment. He quoted also a Kennedy statement made shortly before his death in which he vowed "to smash the CIA into a thousand pieces and cast it to the four winds."

As further evidence of a shot from the front, Rhodes and a colleague told the audience that all the individuals who worked on the Kennedy assassination were wounded. Rhodes, who was taken to Palms Memorial Hospital described a temple wagon, with an exit area in the rear portion of the head, as being the fatal wound. One doctor later changed his testimony. Rhodes' colleague related that when asked why he changed his testimony the doctor said,

"Oh just simply the later reports that were heard from all the sources of all the circumstances surrounding the assassination. Certainly no one had any information at the time and made me change my mind."

During his two lectures Rhodes offered evidence that possibly the CIA, FBI, the military, the State Department and the Defense Department conspired to kill Kennedy.

Rhodes also related evidence that Oswald might have been an operative FBI agent at the time of the assassination. Rhodes noted that Oswald appeared to have affiliations with many operative CIA agents and

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April 10, 1975

Honorable John V. Tunney
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Tunney:

I have received your letter of April 1st, with enclosures from your constituent, Mr. John Simpkin of Davis, California.

With regard to Mr. Simpkin's inquiry concerning the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, this Bureau conducted an intensive investigation at the request of President Lyndon B. Johnson. The results were accurately reported to the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy which subsequently published a report which included some of the data and photographs we furnished. All available evidence and facts pointed to one conclusion--that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in this crime.

From time to time, certain questions have been raised by individuals or organizations concerning certain aspects of this case and have been thoroughly considered by the FBI. I do not feel it should be reopened at this time.

As you requested, your enclosures are returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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Honorable John V. Tunney

edition of the "California Aggie," a newspaper from the University of California at Davis. The item describes a lecture by Rusty Rhodes who is reported to be the Executive Director of the Committee to Investigate Political Assassinations. Rhodes is reported to have offered evidence that possibly the CIA, FBI, the military, Secret Service and other Government officials conspired to kill Kennedy.

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Director, FBI (62-116391)

COMMISSION ON CIA ACTIVITIES
WITHIN THE UNITED STATES

John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Reference is made to two letters dated April 2, 1975, and April 4, 1975, addressed to Mr. James A. Wilderotter from Mr. Robert B. Olson, Senior Counsel of the Commission on CIA Activities Within the United States with which photographs of E. Howard Hunt and Frank Sturgis were furnished for comparison with photographs taken of certain "derelicts" accompanied by Dallas police officers in Dallas, Texas, on November 22, 1963.

There is attached the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination requested and the photographs that were furnished by the Commission for transmittal to the Commission if you deem it appropriate.

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To: Mr. Robert B. Olsen
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Washington, D. C. 20500

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Re: Commission on CIA Activities
Within the United States

Clarence M. Kelley

Examination requested by: Addressee Clarence M. Kelley
Director
Reference: Two letters dated April 2, 1975, and April 4, 1975,
directed to Mr. James A. Wilderotter

Examination requested: Photographic

Twenty-one photographs of E. HOWARD HUNT

Thirty-four photographs of FRANK STURGIS

Result of examination:

The photographs of E. HOWARD HUNT were compared with the shortest and oldest of the three men arrested in Dallas, Texas, on November 22, 1963, as depicted in photographs previously furnished to the FBI Laboratory with the following results:

1. The shortest and oldest man of the three men arrested in Dallas, Texas, on November 22, 1963, compared with photographs of E. HOWARD HUNT, shows a marked and significant age difference, with Mr. Hunt having a much younger appearance.
2. The jowl area of the chin of the oldest man has protruding pouches while this area of HUNT's chin is smooth and tightly contoured.

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3. The nose of the older man appears more bulbous while the nose of HUNT is more angular or pointed.

4. There appear to be some inconsistencies in the ear contours; however, the known photographs of HUNT show differences in the ear contours between the late 1950 photographs and the mid to late 1960 photographs. The ear contours of the oldest individual in the Dallas photographs are different from the ear contours of HUNT in the mid to late 1960 photographs.

All of the above characteristics are considered sufficient to support the opinion as previously stated that the oldest individual in the Dallas photographs is not E. HOWARD HUNT.

The tallest of the three men arrested in Dallas, Texas on November 22, 1963, and shown in the photographs previously furnished to the FBI Laboratory, was compared with the photographs of FRANK STURGIS with the following results:

1. The tallest of the three men in the Dallas photographs has the general appearance of a Nordic type and FRANK STURGIS has a very definite appearance of a Latin.
2. FRANK STURGIS has very black wavy hair, and the Nordic individual has light or blonde straighter hair.
3. FRANK STURGIS has a rather round face with square chin lines and the Nordic individual has an oval shaped face with a less square or more rounded chin.
4. The ratio of the length of the nose to the height of the forehead from the bridge of the nose to the hairline shows these measurements approximately equal on STURGIS as compared to a greater forehead height than nose length on the Nordic individual. This is most obvious in the right profile where the nose and forehead of STURGIS measure approximately 7/8 inch. The nose of the Nordic individual measures 7/8 inch, and the forehead approximately 1 3/8 inches.

5. Some differences in ear contours were noted with the right ear of STURGIS being slightly triangular in shape.

6. The left ear of STURGIS has a slight projection along the outer edge about one-third down from the top. This projection does not appear in a similar view of the left ear of the Nordic individual.

7. The general outer contour of the left ear is more triangular on STURGIS and has a more distinct lobe, while the ear of the Nordic individual is wider at the lower half and has very little lobe.

8. Differences were noted in the nose contours and general facial contours between comparable photographs of STURGIS and the tallest individual in the Dallas photographs.

All of the above characteristics strongly support the previously stated conclusions that the tallest of the three individuals arrested in Dallas, Texas, on November 22, 1963, is not FRANK STURGIS.

Further, it is the opinion of this Laboratory, based on the examination conducted, that neither E. HOWARD HUNT nor FRANK STURGIS appear as any of the three "derelicts" arrested in Dallas, Texas, as shown in the photographs submitted.

Your request for a determination of the height of the individuals in the Dallas photographs based on an on-site study is under investigation, and this study will be made as soon as appropriate background information can be obtained.

The thirty-four photographs of FRANK STURGIS and the twenty-one photographs of E. HOWARD HUNT that you furnished for this examination are attached. Copies of these photographs have been retained in the FBI Laboratory.

One set of these photographs is attached for your files.

ROBERT L. LEGGETT, M.C.
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April 7, 1975

Mr. Clarence M. Kelley
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Director Kelley:

I enclose for your review copy of communication from one of my valued constituents concerning the report of the Warren Commission on the death of President Kennedy based on the so-called Zapruder film.

I would appreciate the analysis of your agency respecting this film.

Your early reply would be much appreciated.

Very sincerely,

Robert L. Leggett
ROBERT L. LEGGETT
Member of Congress

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Dear Bob,

I hope you are all enjoying yourself, and you work
as much as you were when I left last summer. I had
a wonderful time working as a member of your staff
and I want you to know that I have a lot of
respect for your efficiency and concern when dealing
with issues that are of a "dangerous" nature. Do
| that you don't have King Richard to tick around
any more, I'd like to call your attention to something
which I have believed for more than 5 years. (George
Moise is still with you he can tell you
the discussions we had over this), John F.
| Kennedy was not murdered by Lee Harvey Oswald.
Anybody who has seen the 8mm film taken
in Dallas that day can easily see that the
were fired from the front, not behind. Further
the Warren Commission (which included Gerald
Ford and Leon Jaworski among others) is an
incompetent report which is full of contradictions.
I am convinced that a massive conspiracy
murdered JFK and in the process, a revolution
took place right under our noses of which we
were totally ignorant. Please do what you
can to re-open the investigation of his death.
Congress showed their power last summer and
they should not shun the responsibility of re-
investigating a president's death which is
obviously highly questionable. You showed your
courage by being outspoken in favor of Nixon's
impeachment long before it was fashionable. Please
show some more courage and discuss the possibility
of re-opening the JFK assassination with your colleagues.

April 14, 1975

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Honorable Robert L. Leggett
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C. 20515

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Dear Congressman Leggett:

Your letter of April 7th, enclosing a copy of a communication from Mr. Linwood F. Peters, has been received.

With respect to your inquiry regarding the Zapruder film, the FBI has received numerous inquiries relating to it. As you are aware, at the direction of President Johnson the FBI conducted a prompt, intensive, objective and thorough investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy. The results of this investigation were fully and accurately reported and furnished to the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy (Warren Commission). You may rest assured that this Bureau has not withheld or suppressed information pertaining to the assassination at any time.

The Zapruder film was one of the many items considered by the Warren Commission. After a review of all available evidence, it was the conclusion of this Commission that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in committing this crime. I do not feel the investigation of this matter should be reopened at this time.

I trust this reply will be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of Linwood F. Peters. He indicated he has previously worked at Congressman Leggett's office and commends him for having spoken out in favor of former President Nixon's impeachment. He believes that the Zapruder film proves that President Kennedy was not murdered by Lee Harvey Oswald and that the Warren Commission report is incompetent and full of contradictions. He calls on the Congressman to reopen the assassination investigation. The Zapruder film was recently shown on the television program, "Good Night America." It is an amateur film made by Abraham Zapruder, a Dallas, Texas dressmaker.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

DATE: 3/19/75

FROM : SAC, DALLAS (89-43) (P*)

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD
KENNEDY, DALLAS, TEXAS, 11/22/73
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

OO - DALLAS

Re Dallas airtel to Bureau 3/6/75.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy each of the following described newspaper articles relating to recent controversial aspects of captioned case:

- (1) "The Dallas Morning News", Dallas, Texas, of 3/7/75, captioned "Shooting Gory Sight, Kennedy's Head Thrown Backward, Film Shows."
- (2) "The Dallas Times Herald", Dallas, Texas, of 3/7/75, captioned "New JFK Death Probe Urged, Yarborough Wants Rumors 'Laid to Rest'". This article reflects former U. S. Senator RALPH YARBOROUGH had called on Congress to reopen captioned investigation.
- (3) "The Dallas Morning News", Dallas, Texas, of 3/8/75, captioned "Attorney Views JFK Shooting". This article reflects AUSA KENNETH MIGHELL, Dallas, had viewed the showing of the Abraham Zapruder film on ABC - TV.

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- (4) "The Dallas Morning News", Dallas, Texas, of 3/8/75, captioned "Rockefeller Panel To Probe CIA Link To Kennedy Death".
- (5) "The Dallas Times Herald", Dallas, Texas, of 3/8/75, captioned "u. S. Denies New Evidence in JFK Death". This article indicates the Justice Department is advising congressmen it has found no significant or new evidence in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. This article also refers to a new book by GEORGE O'TOOLE, former head of the Central Intelligence Agency's problem analysis branch which O'TOOLE says will prove LEE HARVEY OSWALD did not kill anyone in Dallas on 11/22/63.
- (6) "The Dallas Morning News", Dallas, Texas, of 3/9/75, captioned "Yarborough Won't Ask For New JFK Probe".
- (7) "The Dallas Morning News", Dallas, Texas, of 3/9/75, captioned "Hays, Hughes Are Satisfied With Warren Report on JFK". This article indicates BROOKS HAYS, a Special Assistant to the late President Kennedy and Federal Judge SARAH T. HUGHES, Dallas, are satisfied with the results reflected in the Warren Report.
- (8) "The Dallas Morning News", Dallas, Texas, of 3/11/75, captioned "Voice Test Cited - Did Oswald Tell Truth". This article refers to former CIA employee GEORGE O'TOOLE's new book "The Assassination Tapes".
- (9) "The Dallas Times Herald", Dallas, Texas, of 3/12/75, captioned "No Police Coverup in JFK Case, Curry Says". This article reflects public statements of former Chief of Police Jesse Curry, Dallas, Texas.