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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: May 19, 1967

FROM : A. Rosen

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SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
NOVEMBER 22, 1963
DALLAS, TEXAS

A United Press International news release dated May 18, 1967, Lexington, Massachusetts, stated that an analysis was made by the ITEK Corporation of a film taken by an amateur photographer of President Kennedy's assassination. This analysis demolished a widely circulated theory that a second gunman was involved in the assassination of President Kennedy.

The film involved was taken by Orville O. Nix of Dallas, Texas, and was turned over to us on 12/1/63. This film in turn was furnished to the President's Commission and was utilized by the Commission during the re-enactment of the assassination in Dallas, Texas, and various pictures from this film were used by the Commission in their report.

In the December, 1966, issue of Esquire Magazine, which contained a lengthy article critical of the Commission, one of the frames of the Nix film was printed, and in the upper left hand corner of this picture, there appears to be a man aiming a rifle at the President's car. This controversial picture added emphasis to the theories of numerous critics of the Warren Commission that more than one rifleman, namely Lee Harvey Oswald, was involved in the assassination. In addition, Mark Lane has made controversial statements that a shot came from a grassy knoll in the Dealey Plaza, and it is noted the Nix photograph in question reveals this area.

The ITEK Corporation has taken this controversial picture and after a month's long study, and through the use of improved and advanced photographic equipment, determined that the image revealed in the photograph which appeared to be a man with a rifle was found to be nothing more than shadows of tree branches and leaves on the side of the white pavilion, and further, the object which apparently was a station wagon or some vehicle, actually is a vehicle in a parking lot behind the wooden picket fence and located 20

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1 feet behind the so-called shadow gunman.

The ITEK Corporation determined that if a second rifleman had been in this location, he would have had to fire from a position 9 feet above the ground for the bullet trajectory to clear existing verticle obstacles. In addition, ITEK assumed that even if there was a gunman in this position, he would have had less than one-thirtieth of a second to fire the fatal shot which killed the President.

As a result of this examination by ITEK Corporation, it disproves the widely circulated theories that a second gunman was involved in the assassination of President Kennedy allegedly located in the grassy knoll area.

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