DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGY AND ONCOLOGS

June 8, 1988

J. Edgar Hoover, Esq., Director Federal Bureau of Investigation United States Department of Justice Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Picase allow me to thank you for your letter of March 28, 1968 in which you explain that the FBI re-enacted the assassination for the Warren Commission and that the medical aspects (autopsy) were done at the Bethesda Naval Hospital and that some other tests were conducted by the army at Edgewood Arsenal. You suggested that I contact these divisions of the federal government.

Must advise that early in the beginning of my study in 1966 my letters to the Commandant at Edgewood and to some of the offecers who conducted the tests were all unanswered. Also my letters to the Commandant of the Bethesda Naval Installation and to Doctors Hime and Boswell who conducted the actual autopsy were also all unanswered. During April, last, I spent the first week at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology where I made several attempts to talk with Colonel Finck, all of which were rejected. He would not even touch some of my pristine bullets and other bullets which have traversed ribs and wrist bones but instead would retreat backward and decline comment. It was during this same week? that I was disappointed in not receiving a visit from someone of your staff while I stayed at the Silver Springs Motel.

Must mention that my findings are not entirely medical and/or ballistic in nature. Perhaps 1/4 are medical and another 1/4 are ballistic. The most important of my fingings, perhaps 1/2, are based on your FBI re-enactment. These are reinterpotations of erroneous concepts accepted by the Warren Commission and some considerations

considerations of observations hitherto ignored. These are or

I am suprised that you do not want my oral description of these and that you have not had an officer from your Kansas City office come by to see me. I have previously been visited by your officers on other items considerably more trivial and even hilarious. Am writing a book on the subject and, of course, will send the manuscript to you prior to publishing.

My main purpose in writing you now is to ask for the analysis (chemical, spectrogrographic, or neutron bombardment) of some of the missle fragments removed from the late President's brain and Governor Connally's wrist, presumeably CE 843 & 842. I will, of course, be quite happy to give to you my chemical and spectrographic analysis of the core and jackets of my Western Cartéridge Company 6.5 mm bullets, both lots 6002 and 6003, together with analysis of some commercially available ammunition that I have examined.

It is probable that I will be in the vicinity of your office later this month and will advise you in the hopes that a meeting can be arranged.

Sincerely.

John Nichols, M.D., Ph.D. Associate Professor of Pathology

P.S.: I should be quite happy to receive any of your officers here in my office at 219 Wahl Hall at any time and discuss my findings with them.

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## CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the attached copy of correspondence from John Nichols, M.D., dated June 8, 1968, is a true and accurate copy of the original located in the files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Washington
District of Columbia

Before me this 13 - day of February, 1969,

Roy H. Jerry has appeared and signed
this affidavit first having sworn that the statements made therein are true.

My commission expires 430/70

Notary Public in and for the District of Columbia