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- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Rose (Attn: Mr. Schutz)
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Gallagher
- 1 - Mr. Heiberger
- 1 - Mr. Griffith
- 1 - Mr. Frazier

September 9, 1971

Airmail

Dr. John Nichols
 University of Kansas Medical Center
 School of Medicine
 Department of Pathology and Oncology
 Rainbow Boulevard at 39th Street
 Kansas City, Kansas 66103

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of August 23, 1971.

Warren Commission Exhibit CE 399, a bullet involved in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, weighed 158.6 grains when received in the FBI Laboratory. A very small quantity of metal was removed from the bullet for analysis. You may desire to contact the National Archives, Washington, D. C., where the CE 399 bullet is presently maintained, to ascertain its present weight.

Very truly yours,

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J. E. Hoover
 John Edgar Hoover
 Director

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Dr. John Nichols

NOTE: The CE 399 bullet referred to is the nearly pristine bullet recovered from a stretcher in Parkland Hospital, Dallas, Texas, immediately after assassination of President Kennedy and wounding of Governor John Connally (now Secretary of the Treasury).

Dr. Nichols has previously corresponded with the Bureau concerning his medical studies which have apparently convinced him President Kennedy was shot at least once from the front, instead of only from the rear as found by the Warren Commission. He so testified at the conspiracy trial of Clay Shaw in State Court, New Orleans, when called by District Attorney James Garrison. We have assiduously avoided discussing any of the medical aspects of the assassination with **Dr. Nichols**.

Dr. Nichols has brought an unsuccessful (to date) suit against the Government under the Public Information Law for the notes and work papers of the FBI Laboratory examiners concerning their spectrographic analysis of the bullets recovered in the assassination. **Dr. Nichols** has corresponded with the Bureau numerous times, has made frivolous if not derogatory, statements concerning Agents of our Kansas City Office and has been characterized as ".....an extremely arrogant, loud-mouthed individual....." In view of this the reply to him is intentionally cryptic. In view of the background of this individual in the assassination file, an extensive file review was required preparatory to handling instant correspondence. For example, serial 62-109060-6484 (memorandum White to Conrad dated 6-13-68) recommended and the Bureau approved that a letter dated 6-8-68 from Nichols (the 6th in a series) not be acknowledged at that time because of the background of Nichols.

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