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Mr. Fred T. Newcomb  
4640 Noble Avenue  
Sherman Oaks, California 91403

Dear Mr. Newcomb:

Reference is made to your letter dated July 6, 1972.

For your information, all of the undeveloped film taken at the autopsy of President John F. Kennedy at Bethesda Naval Hospital in Bethesda, Maryland, was turned over to the members of the U. S. Secret Service who were on the scene.

I can assure you that the FBI Agents who were present at this autopsy never had in their possession any of this film and, furthermore, had no knowledge of any such film being destroyed.

Sincerely yours,

L. Patrick Gray III

L. Patrick Gray, III  
Acting Director

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NOTE:

Fred T. Newcomb in his letter advises that an article prepared by John K. Lattimer, M. D. Columbia University, which appeared in a recent publication of "Resident and Staff Physicians" reported that some of the historic films taken at the autopsy of President John F. Kennedy had been deliberately destroyed. He further assumes that FBI Agents James W. Sibert and Francis X. O'Niell, Jr. were responsible for destruction of these records.

This matter has been coordinated with SA O'Niell, now assigned to the Domestic Intelligence Division, and former Resident Agent at the Hyattsville, Maryland, Resident Agency, who had witnessed this autopsy with SA James W. Sibert, now retired.

Bureau indices show an automobile registered to Newcomb was observed on 4/15/67 at the Los Angeles and San Fernando Valley pickup points for the San Francisco Vietnam protesters. Bureau indices show that the managing editor of the "Resident and Staff Physicians" publication on 10/2/69 directed a letter to the FBI which was entirely complimentary. Dr. John K. Lattimer, Columbia University, New York, New York, on 7/28/71 forwarded to the Bureau a reprint which showed the results of a study he made as reported by the Warren Commission after the assassination of President Kennedy. This study supports our laboratory investigations. He was thanked for making this available to the FBI.

*John*