

March 10, 1975

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- 1 - Mr. Mintz

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Dear Dr. Nichols:

I am in receipt of your undated letter and Western Union message dated February 19th regarding your request for information relating to investigation conducted with reference to the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy.

With regard to your request described in item one of your letter and the request contained in the Western Union message, I wish to advise you we are presently in the process of attempting to identify and isolate laboratory data that would come within the scope of your request. I will be in communication with you further in connection with this portion of your request.

Concerning your inquiries set forth in your letter as items 2-5, the following information is being furnished:

2. The firing pin in C. R. 139 (Serial Number CZ766) is of one piece.

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3. The relative angle of rotation with respect to the various ejector, extractor and follower marks, if present, on exhibits CE543, CE544, CE545 and CE141 was not recorded by the FBI and is, therefore, not available from the FBI. These items are now located in the National Archives, Washington, D. C.

1 - The Deputy Attorney General - Enclosures (2)

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4. The heights of the seats on which the President and Governor Connally were sitting during the assassination and on which the "stand-ins" were seated during the on-site reenactment, were not recorded by the FBI and, therefore, are not available from the FBI. The President's Commission conducted this reenactment assisted in part by County Surveyor Robert H. West, 160 County Courthouse, Dallas, Texas. Information was furnished the FBI by the President's Commission concerning the relative heights of the "stand-ins" and especially the relative heights of the bullet impact points. All such information furnished and other details concerning this matter will be found in Volume V beginning on page 135 and, in particular, on page 166 of the Hearings Before the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy.

5. The horizontal firing angle (either with reference to the Texas School Book Depository Building or the Presidential limousine) was not recorded by the FBI and, therefore, is not available from the FBI. It should be noted that the tracing prepared by County Surveyor Robert H. West may fix the location of the Zapruder film frames you referred to from which the horizontal firing angle may be measured. This tracing is CE882 and is available for review and/or copying at the National Archives, Washington, D. C.

With regard to your request for information regarding appeal procedures under the amended Freedom of Information Act, I am enclosing the portion of a reprint of the Federal Register, Volume 40, No. 30, dated February 12, 1975, which sets forth the regulations under sections 16.6 and 16.7.

I trust the above will be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

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NOTE: Correspondent has submitted previous requests under the FOIA prior to its amendment regarding the John F. Kennedy assassination. This reply has been coordinated with the Laboratory Division and the answers to correspondent's questions 2 through 5 were provided by Laboratory Division. Legal Counsel Division memorandum to Mr. J. B. Adams dated 2-26-75 requested Laboratory to provide proper response to Nichols' request and the location of any documentation necessary.