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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

The Honorable Edward H. Levi  
Attorney General of the United States  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

Under the provisions of the revised Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. Section 552 as amended, I hereby request access to and copies of all reports, written findings, and laboratory data collected or compiled by the FBI concerning the neutron activation analyses of bullets and bullet fragments recovered during the investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. I have previously made requests for such information by correspondence with the Department of Justice in 1974, and I wish to incorporate the previous correspondence to serve as part of the basis and factual background for my present request. Copies of the previous correspondence are enclosed for your convenience.

Since the time of my previous request, it has come to my attention that there may have been two separate neutron activation analyses conducted on the recovered bullet fragments, the first in late 1963 or early 1964 and the second in June or July of 1964. I intend that my present request cover the reports, findings and data for both of these analyses and any others that may have been conducted on the same specimens.

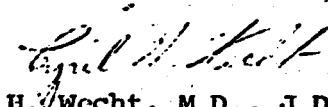
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The technique of neutron activation analysis has been in existence for many years and is thoroughly described and reported in publicly available literature. While variations and improvements on the technique have been developed since 1963, these too have been described in the scientific literature and are in the public domain. The applications of the technique for investigative and law enforcement purposes are also well known to members of the forensic science community, including myself.

Public release of the information I am seeking would, therefore, not disclose investigative techniques and procedures not already well known and widely available to the public, nor otherwise impair law enforcement agencies in any way. In this respect, I refer to the intent of Congress in amending the Freedom of Information Act as reported on page 12 of House Report No. 93-1380, September 25, 1974.

Respectfully yours,

  
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