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July 17, 1975

Miss Pat Justice  
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Dear Miss Justice:

Your letter to Mr. Roland L. Elliott of The White House has been referred to me for reply. It was originally referred to the Commission on CIA Activities, but that Commission expired prior to an answer to your letter being made.

As I am sure you are aware, the FBI conducted an extensive and exhaustive investigation into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The results of that investigation were furnished to the Warren Commission, which studied not only the voluminous FBI reports, but also information from other agencies and sources.

It should be remembered that the Warren Commission considered all available information in arriving at its conclusions. It would have been an almost impossible task for the Commission to interview all witnesses. As an example of the magnitude of this matter, in the overall investigation, the Warren Commission took testimony from over 500 people, whereas the FBI alone conducted approximately 25,000 interviews.

Concerning your comments regarding the Zapruder film, the original of this film was viewed by representatives of the Warren Commission, the FBI, and the United States Secret Service. Additionally, the owner of the film, "Life" magazine, subsequently made available color slides of the frames of the original film for detailed study. You may find information regarding this on page 138, Volume V, of the Warren Commission Report.

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Regarding the Commission not examining the photographs and X-rays of President Kennedy's wounds, the Commission did have access to the autopsy reports which contained details regarding the wounds. Additionally, the Commission heard testimony from the doctors who were involved in the autopsy and who studied the X-rays. It is our understanding that the film containing the photographs of President Kennedy's body taken at the time of the autopsy were turned over to the Kennedy family as a matter of common decency since the President's body was photographed in an unclothed state and the wounds were graphically displayed.

While I can readily understand your concern, I believe that careful study of the entire Warren Commission Report reveals that each aspect of the case was considered in depth. The FBI does conduct follow-up inquiries on new allegations in this case, but there have been no developments which would warrant the reopening of a full investigation.

I have furnished a copy of this letter to Mr. Elliott, of The White House.

Sincerely yours,

<sup>Clarence M. Kelley</sup>  
Clarence M. Kelley  
Director

- 1 - Director of Correspondence (By Liaison)  
The White House
- 1 - Assistant Attorney General *detached*  
Criminal Division (Encs. 2)

Miss Pat Justice

NOTE: This letter was referred to the FBI for direct reply by the Director of Correspondence for The White House, Robert L. Elliott. It had initially been sent to the Commission on CIA Activities, but was returned to the White House unanswered. The White House then referred it to the Department of Justice, who referred it to the FBI. The writer states there were glaring omissions in the Warren Commission investigation, mentioning specifically failure of the Commission to interview most of the eyewitnesses, failure to subpoena the original Zapruder film, and neglect in not examining the photographs and X-rays of the wounds. She calls upon the President to reopen the case. This response has been coordinated with Lyndal L. Shaneyfelt (recently retired from the Laboratory Division) who handled photographic evidence in this investigation; New Haven ASAC Francis X. O'Neill, Jr., who handled the autopsy aspects of the investigation; and Supervisor Kenneth Raupach of the Special Investigative Division, who supervised the original investigation at FBIHQ. Bufiles contain no information readily identifiable with writer.