

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION
June 13, 1977

This concerns a metal fragment which Richard Harold Lester, Dallas, Texas, claims to have found during 1974 at the John F. Kennedy assassination site. He turned it over to the FBI 12/1/76, for Laboratory examination. FBI efforts to obtain the Oswald rifle test bullets from Archives for comparison to the fragment have been unsuccessful. On 5/25/77, Deputy Assistant Attorney General Robert L. Keuch, Criminal Division, United States Department of Justice, instructed the FBI to furnish Lester's name and address to the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) which was prepared to subpoena the fragment from him. Mr. Keuch also instructed the FBI to retain the fragment until Lester requested it in order to comply with the HSCA subpoena.

Lester now requests return of the fragment in order to submit it for private examination and does not indicate he has received a subpoena. The Legal Liaison and Congressional Affairs Unit, Legal Counsel Division, will contact the Department for its decision regarding Lester's request and Dallas will be advised of its determination.

- 1 - Mr. Held
- 1 - Mr. Adams
- 2 - Mr. Mintz (Attn: Mr. Daly)
- 1 - Mr. Kelleher
- 1 - Mr. Boynton

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