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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: December 4, 1963

FROM : D. J. Brennan, Jr.

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN F. KENNEDY

Concerning the bullet found on a stretcher in the Dallas hospital following the assassination of the President, the following may be of interest:

Mr. James J. Rowley, Chief, U.S. Secret Service, has advised that his service in Dallas has determined that the bullet which was intact was recovered by a nurse on a stretcher used by Governor Connally. The nurse turned the bullet over to the hospital security officer who in turn passed it on to Secret Service Agent Richard Johnson. Mr. Rowley then passed the bullet on to Special Agent Elmer Todd of WFO for transmittal to the Laboratory.

Mr. Rowley confidentially advised that the President was not removed from his stretcher until his body was placed in the casket. He further advised that originally it was believed that this bullet had come out of the President's body during the massaging of his heart. Mr. Rowley does not know which one of the two men this bullet struck; that the possibility remains that it could have been passed through the President's body and lodged itself in Governor Connally's clothing.

ACTION:

For information.

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
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- 1 - Mr. Bartlett

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