

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Conrad

FROM : W. D. Griffith

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF  
PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY  
NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS  
INQUIRY CONCERNING ABRAHAM ZAPRUDER CAMERA

DATE: 12/7/66

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Yesterday evening Martin Richman, First Assistant, Office of Legal Counsel in the Department, called with reference to the Abraham Zapruder camera. (You will recall Abraham Zapruder was a bystander taking amateur 8 millimeter movies of the presidential motorcade and actually filmed the assassination.) Mr. Richman stated that the Abraham Zapruder camera which is now the property of the Bell and Howell Corporation is in the process of being turned over to the Government for retention in the National Archives. Mr. Richman is preparing a "chain of custody" listing. Bell and Howell officials do not recall nor do they have a record of the date on which the Zapruder camera was turned over to that company by the Bureau according to Mr. Richman and his only problem is to ascertain from us the date in question.

By way of background the Zapruder camera was borrowed from Bell and Howell at the request of the Warren Commission to be used in connection with the re-enactment on May 24, 1964. Thereafter with the permission of J. Lee Rankin, General Counsel of the Commission, the camera was sent to Chicago for return to Bell and Howell. I called Chicago last night to ascertain the date on which the camera was actually turned over. Chicago responded with a teletype last night advising that the camera was returned to Frank Jones, Secretary, Bell and Howell Corporation on June 23, 1964.

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan
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We are furnishing this date to Mr. Richman telephonically  
and will confirm by memorandum to the Department.  
ACTION: None. This is for your information.

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