

July 12, 1937

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Dear Dr. Nichols:

Your letter of July 6th has been received. In response to your request, I regret the pressure of my official schedule precludes my making an appointment to see you.

With regard to the observations contained in your letter relative to anatomy and wound studies, I wish to advise you that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is one of a number of Government agencies which performed investigation at the specific request of the Warren Commission, which Commission had the full responsibility for the inquiry concerning the President's assassination.

As you already may be aware from your study of the Commission's Report, pages 343 and 349 of Volume II of that report set forth that the autopsy examination was conducted by a medical team at the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, and beginning on page 74 of Volume V, it is indicated that simulation studies of wound ballistics and related bullet distortion were performed by personnel of the Department of the Army at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland. The FBI did not actively participate in either of these functions. However, if you have occasion to be in Washington and desire to furnish information concerning your own studies to the FBI, please feel free to contact Assistant Director Ivan W. Conrad at Federal Bureau of Investigation Headquarters, telephone number 393-7100, extension 777, to make mutually satisfactory arrangements.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Correspondent by letter dated 6-27-66 advised that he was preparing an article on forensic medicine dealing with the jurisdiction of the coroner. He had requested the Registrar of Vital Statistics at Dallas, Texas, to furnish him a certified copy of the death certificate of former President Kennedy. He was told by the Registrar that the FBI had instructed certified copies could not be issued. By letter dated 7-1-66 we advised him that the Bureau had not issued such instructions. By letter dated 7-7-66 he noted he had subsequently learned the Dallas Commissioner of Health had issued the instructions and apologized for any inconvenience he caused the Bureau.