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March 28, 1968

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Dear Dr. Nichols:

Your letter of March 25th has been received and I want to thank you for your offer to demonstrate certain of your findings relating to your study of the assassination of President Kennedy when you are in Washington, D. C., in the near future.

As has been indicated in our earlier correspondence to you, the medical aspects of the inquiry by the Warren Commission were not handled by this Bureau. The report of the Commission sets forth that the autopsy examination was conducted by a medical team at the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, and simulation studies of wound ballistics and related bullet distortion were performed by personnel of the Department of the Army at Edgewood Arsenal, Maryland. Accordingly, it is desired that any of your findings which you wish to furnish to the FBI and which relate to the medical or wound ballistics aspects be furnished in documentary form suitable for referral to the above agencies. Alternatively, since you have indicated that you plan to be in the Washington area, it is suggested you might prefer to furnish your medical and wound ballistics findings directly to those agencies.

It previously has been suggested that you contact Assistant Director Ivan W. Conrad and you should feel free to contact him directly here at FBI Headquarters to make suitable arrangements for the delivery of any documentary material which you may wish to personally furnish to this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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Dr. John Nichols

NOTE: Dr. Nichols has previously corresponded with the Bureau in this case. By letter 6-27-66 he made inquiry concerning difficulty in obtaining a certified copy of a death certificate of former President Kennedy from Dallas authorities. By letter 7-1-66 we advised him we had not issued instructions that certified copies could not be furnished. By letter 7-7-66 he advised he subsequently learned that Dallas Commission of Health had issued the instructions. By letter 7-6-67 he requested an appointment to come to Washington and explain his studies to the Director and by Bureau letter 7-12-67 the Director declined to make an appointment and suggested he contact Assistant Director Conrad regarding any information he might wish to furnish. By letter 12-5-67 Nichols advised he planned an informal seminar in Kansas City regarding his findings and invited us to send a representative. Bulet 12-8-67 declined. We previously pointed out to Dr. Nichols on two separate occasions that we had nothing to do with the medical aspects of the Warren Commission inquiry. We should not become involved in any oral discussion of his medical findings and should insist that any material relating to the medical aspects he furnished be in documentary form so there will be no question as to what was furnished. The Bureau is not in a position to evaluate the medical findings and such medical information should be referred to those agencies which handled the medical aspects of the inquiry. This letter coordinated with the Laboratory Division.