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TO : Mr. W. C. Sullivan

DATE: October 7, 1969

FROM : Mr. W. A. Branigan

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY  
NOVEMBER 22, 1963,  
DALLAS, TEXAS

*Bedell, Loren M.*

Memorandum 10/2/69 considered an inquiry received from Miss Barbara Brookey, Columbus, Ohio, who on 11/25/63 turned over to an Agent of our Cincinnati Office two color slides of photographs taken by her outside the White House on the morning of 4/13/63. Inquiry of our Cincinnati Office disclosed they have only one slide at this time; the Director noted "I want an explanation as to the loss of this slide."

Under the general supervision of former Special Agent in Charge (SAC) E. D. Mason (retired 1965), SAC William B. Soyars (June, 1965, to August, 1967), and SAC Harry J. Morgan (present), Miss Doris E. Reavis has been the Chief Clerk in the Cincinnati Office. She has overall responsibility for the files of that office. According to Miss Reavis, the two slides originally received were filed in a 1A jacket in the 1A section of the file on the investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy. Over the years this file has been most active because of the numerous inquiries received and it has been charged out by numerous and various personnel since its creation in 1963. In addition, the investigation has been assigned to several Agents of the Cincinnati Office over the years. According to Miss Reavis, the location of the file has been changed on several occasions within the Chief Clerk's office and the filing system has been converted from a cabinet system to one using open shelves.

SAC Morgan noted that the missing slide, which was heavy in weight, could have dropped out of the envelope and been swept up as waste material. Miss Reavis noted that the slide had not previously been reported as missing to her and from this she could only conclude that no employee was ever directed to the specific 1A envelope where the slide was supposed to have been contained.

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According to SAC Morgan, in view of the numerous persons who had access to the slide and because of the passage of time and the movement of the file within the office, he was unable to affix responsibility for its loss.

In the memorandum of 10/2/69 the Director approved that SAC Morgan obtain explanations from personnel in his office as to the incorrect reporting of Miss Barbara Brookey's name as Miss Barbara Brooke. According to SAC Morgan, Special Agent [redacted] advised him that late during the evening of 11/24/63 he was contacted by a man who identified himself as the brother-in-law of Barbara Brooke, which he spelled. The man stated that his sister-in-law had two photographs which she had taken in front of the White House and she thought that one of the persons in the photograph resembled Lee Harvey Oswald. On 11/25/63 Special Agent [redacted] said he contacted a resident at 101 South Sylvan Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, who responded that she was Barbara Brooke. She did not spell her name at the time and Special Agent [redacted] did not require that this be done.

SAC Morgan stated that under the circumstances he was recommending a letter of censure for Special Agent [redacted] for improperly interrogating Barbara Brookey by not requiring her to spell her name.

ACTION:

1. Explanation of the Cincinnati Office is pursuant to the Director's request. Domestic Intelligence Division concurs with SAC Morgan that in view of the passage of time and personnel, it is impossible to affix responsibility for the loss of the slide.

*This is a very serious loss of such an important exhibit.*

2. Domestic Intelligence Division concurs that Special Agent [redacted] be censured for his improper interrogation of Miss Barbara Brookey.

*V. [redacted] Dr. Wel [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]*