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Civil Division

June 3, 1970

Director, FBI

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Shroder
- 1 - Mr. Raupach
- 1 - Mr. Bolz
- 1 - Mr. Walters
- 1 - Mr. Conrad

**MARINA N. OSWALD PORTER;  
ET AL. VS.  
UNITED STATES  
U. S. DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
CIVIL ACTION #CA3-2282  
FEDERAL TORT CLAIMS ACT**

This will confirm the telephone conversation between Mr. Irwin Goldbloom of your Division and R. L. Shroder of this Bureau on June 2, 1970.

Mr. Goldbloom was advised of the receipt of the letter dated May 28, 1970, from Erich F. Klein, Jr., attorney for Marina Oswald Porter. This letter concerns a claim made against the United States to recover the value of certain items taken from Marina and/or Lee Harvey Oswald following the assassination of President Kennedy. Mr. Goldbloom indicated the Department had received a copy of this letter.

Mr. Goldbloom reviewed the legal proceedings which have been held in connection with Mrs. Porter's suit. He pointed out the Department is vigorously opposing her inflated claim. With respect to the statement in the letter that FBI employees were negligent or committed wrongful acts or omissions, Mr. Goldbloom advised this was erroneous.

As he indicated, many of these documents were treated chemically to determine if latent fingerprints, secret writing, and codes were present. As a result of these examinations, some of the papers were discolored and in some instances writing was obliterated. He further pointed out that in each instance the FBI took photographs prior to examination of these documents, and these photographs showing the original condition of the items examined are currently available in the National Archives.

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NOTE: See Rosen to DeLoach memo, 6-2-70, captioned as above, RIS:jny.

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Mr. Goldbloom added that, if desired, the Department, as attorneys for the Government, would reply to Mr. Klein's letter. It would be appreciated, therefore, if you would respond to this letter specifically setting forth therein a disclaimer as to any negligence, wrongful acts, or omissions by employees of the FBI concerning the handling or processing of the items in question. It is further requested that this Bureau be furnished a copy of your reply.