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Honorable Alan Steelman House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20515

- Mr. Hall Mr. Bowers

Dear Congressman Steelman:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 8, 1975, concerning the communication received by you from Mr. Kenneth Shaddock of Dallas, Texas, and my previous correspondence to you dated June 27, 1975. I can certainly appreciate that Mr. Shaddock put a lot of time and thought into his letter, which as he pointed out in his last paragraph, was for the purpose of urging you to support House Resolution 204.

A review of Mr. Shaddock's letter indicates his conclusions regarding the assassination of President Kennedy result from an analysis of selected information gleaned from the voluminous Warren Commission Report. The PBI is not in a position to debate such selected analysis or any conclusions drawn therefrom. Our function is investigative in nature and any information developed is reported in accordance with established procedures. We do not provide opinions nor suggest the conclusions to be drawn from our investigations. Please be assured, powever, that whenever a pertinent evidentiary issue is raised, which can be resolved by additional investigation, we do not hesitate to conduct same.

As indicated in my previous letter of June 27, 1975, any analysis in this matter should be done after consideration of all the pertanent material available. Mr. Shaddock has expressed Mb opinion which he is certainly entitled to do. To try to point out specific data he should consider would only be argumentative and serve no useful purpose. We must, therefore, respectfully decline to do so.

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Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley Director

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NOTE: By letter 6/11/75 to the Department of Justice, Congressman Steelman furnished a letter written by one of his constituents which took issue with Oswald's ability to have shot President Kennedy utilizing the weapon, ammunition, etc., as indicated in the Warren Commission Report. The letter was obviously for the purpose to encourage Congressional action in reopening the investigation in this case. By letter 6/27/75 we advised Congressman Steelman that analysis based on bits and pieces of information raises questions as to the findings of the Warren Commission and declined a point by point analysis of Mr. Shaddock's questions. It is noted issues raised by Shaddock are conclusions drawn from his observations of the Zapruder film and extracted data from the Warren Commission Report. By letter 7/8/75 Congressman Steelman requested specific information to "clear up" the things Shaddock is concerned about. This communication is to reply to the Congressman's last communication.