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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT  
JOHN F. KENNEDY  
NOVEMBER 22, 1963  
DALLAS, TEXAS

Reference is made to a memorandum dated August 2, 1977, from Director, FBI, to Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch, captioned as above and pertaining to the FBI Laboratory examination conducted on the bullet fragment found by Richard Harold Lester of Dallas, Texas.

On August 22, 1977, Richard Harold Lester, Dallas, Texas, was telephonically contacted by SA [REDACTED] FBI, Dallas, Texas, in an effort to schedule an interview appointment and to obtain from him a written release authorizing the Federal Bureau of Investigation to turn over to the House Select Committee on Assassinations a bullet fragment that he previously recovered and furnished to the FBI on December 1, 1976.

Mr. Lester was very cordial to the contacting Agent, but immediately stated he would not consider signing such a release and demanded his bullet fragment be returned to him immediately. Lester stated he does not want the bullet fragment harmed in any way through scientific examination. Lester additionally advised that he is willing to "spend some money to get it back", and that if necessary, will take his story that his bullet fragment is not being returned, to the news media.

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