

September 27, 1977

1 - [REDACTED]
1 - Mr. Mintz (Attn: [REDACTED])

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

On September 19, 1977, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, United States Department of Justice, advised a representative of the FBI it was imperative that the bullet fragment furnished to the FBI by Richard Harold Lester of Dallas, Texas, be returned to him in Dallas, Texas, between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. on September 19, 1977.

DJC:sas

1 - SAC, Dallas (89-43)

NOTE: Legal Counsel to Associate Director memorandum of 9/20/77, captioned, "House Select Committee on Assassinations," sets forth necessity to expedite delivery of "Lester bullet" to Dallas.

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At 10:20 am, SA [REDACTED] FBI Headquarters, Washington, D.C., telephonically advised that the package as obtained from the FBI Laboratory containing the bullet fragment made available by RICHARD HAROLD LESTER on December 1, 1977, will be sent to Dallas, Texas via Braniff Flight Number 15, arriving in Dallas, Texas at approximately 5:25 pm, September 20, 1977.

He further advised that the bullet fragment contained in this package is to be returned to Mr. LESTER, between 9 am and 11 am, September 21, 1977.

During the afternoon of September 20, 1977, SA [REDACTED] office, Washington, D.C., telephonically advised that the above described package was shipped via Braniff, Flight Number 15, Pronto Package Service, Shipping Bill Number 002-IAD-0253-7640.

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Special Agent [REDACTED] Congressional Inquiry Unit, Civil Rights Section, Special Investigative Division, obtained a package from Special Agent [REDACTED] Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory, Room 3727F, J. Edgar Hoover Building. The package was wrapped in plain brown paper to which a United States Government mailing label was affixed which was addressed to the Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation at Dallas, Texas. Special Agent [REDACTED] advised that the package contained the bullet fragment which Richard Harold Lester furnished to the Federal Bureau of Investigation on December 1, 1976.

The package was delivered to Dulles International Airport, Fairfax County, Virginia, by Special Agent [REDACTED]. At Dulles International Airport Special Agent [REDACTED] met Special Agent [REDACTED] and together these Agents made arrangements to have the package transported to Dallas, Texas, via Braniff Airways Pronto Package Service under air waybill #002-IAD-0253 7640. The air waybill was written up by [REDACTED] Braniff Airlines service counter, Dulles International Airport (telephone 703-471-9593) and indicated that the package was being shipped to Dallas, was to be picked up only by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and that charges of \$31.50 would be billed to the Civil Rights Section, J. Edgar Hoover Building, 10th and Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest, Washington, D. C.

[REDACTED] advised that the package would be shipped nonstop to Dallas, Texas, on Braniff Airlines, Flight 15, scheduled to depart Dulles International Airport at 3:25 p.m. and arrive at Dallas, Texas, at approximately 5:25 p.m., Dallas time, September 20, 1977.

The copy of the air waybill bearing #002-IAD-0253 7640 is attached.

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FBI PRONTO PACKAGE

002 - 1A-20253 7644

SHIPPER'S NAME FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION		CONSIGNEE'S NAME FBI		VALIDATION	
STREET ADDRESS 1415 PENN AVE NW		STREET ADDRESS			
CITY WASHINGTON DC	STATE DC	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	
SHIPPER'S ACCOUNT NO. [REDACTED]		DECLARED VALUE 1500	PAYMENT METHOD <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CASH <input type="checkbox"/> PREPAID ONLY	PICK UP REQUEST <input type="checkbox"/>	RATE 30.00
DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS PRINTED MATTER		SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS		CHARGE DELIVERY <input type="checkbox"/>	
ORIGIN FLIGHT 15	TRANSFER CITY	CONN FLIGHT	DESTINATION DFW	WEIGHT 1	DELIVERY 150
SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT ON THE REVERSE SIDE THEREOF. NON NEGOTIABLE				TAX 150	
				TOTAL 3150	

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SHIPPER'S RECEIPT

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At 6:00 pm, September 20, 1977, a package from FBI, Washington, D.C., addressed to Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigations, U.S. Department of Justice, Room 200, 1810 Commerce Street, Dallas, Texas, 75201, was received from the Braniff Airlines Pronto Package Desk, Dallas/Fort Worth Airport. This package was shipped under Shipping Bill Number 002-IAD-0253-7640.

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At 9:35 am, September 21, 1977, the following items were returned to RICHARD HAROLD LESTER, 1440 Hansboro, Dallas, Texas:

- 1) One bullet fragment contained in a small rectangular box;
- 2) One small round clear plastic box containing metal fragments;
- 3) One small round clear plastic box containing what appeared to be minute metal particles.

The above items were contained in a package sent from the FBI, Washington, D.C., on September 20, 1977, via Braniff Airlines, Pronto Package, Shipping Bill Number 002-IAD-0253-7640, to Dallas/Fort Worth Airport. This package was received by SA [REDACTED] FBI, Dallas, Texas, at 6:00 pm, September 20, 1977. This unopened package was in the custody and control of SA [REDACTED] until it was turned over to Mr. LESTER, as described above. SA [REDACTED] opened this package in the presence of Mr. LESTER as well as Mr. KENNETH D. KLEIN and CLIFFORD A. FENTON, JR., Representatives of the House Select Committee on Assassinations.

Mr. LESTER furnished a receipt for the bullet fragment that was returned to him.

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RICHARD HAROLD LESTER, 1440 Hansboro, Dallas, Texas, made the following statements upon receipt of the bullet fragment contained in a small rectangular box; one small clear plastic box containing metal fragments and one small round clear plastic box containing what appeared to be minute metal particles:

Mr. LESTER was visibly upset over the condition of the bullet fragment. He stated that the FBI destroyed the bullet and that he gave no one permission to damage the bullet fragment. He stated that by visibly examining the bullet fragment that he cannot tell that the bullet fragment returned to him is the same bullet fragment that he furnished the FBI. He stated that he will sue, even if he has to sell his house to pay for a lawyer.

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