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TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: November 22, 1963

FROM : A. Rosen

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

*FBI/SS -
the investigation
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SAC Shanklin, Dallas Office, was telephonically advised that an immediate check should be made to determine whether or not the bullet or bullets had been removed from Governor Connally in order that same could be obtained for necessary examination and evidentiary purposes. He was advised that appropriate arrangements had been made for the same check and obtaining of bullets from the President's body after arriving in Washington if they had not been previously removed in Texas. Shanklin advised that there was some question as to whether or not the bullets had actually lodged in either body and there was a rumor in Dallas that some Secret Service Agent had allegedly picked up one of the bullets in question.

Shanklin was advised that in the event the bullets had gone through the body of the President and/or Governor Connally every effort must be expended to try and locate these bullets for evidentiary purposes. Shanklin was also advised that an immediate check would be made with Secret Service in Washington in an effort to ascertain whether any Agent of Secret Service had picked up one of the bullets and he, Shanklin, would be advised.

Shanklin subsequently advised information had been received that a Secret Service Agent had searched the car in which the President was riding and had found the bullet which allegedly killed the President. Shanklin also advised that the rifle which, allegedly had been used to assassinate the President was now in the possession of a Mr. Sorrells who is in charge of Secret Service

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in Dallas who was extremely cooperative but was holding the rifle on instructions and would do so until he was authorized by headquarters to release same. Arrangements are being made for this to be taken up with Secret Service here in Washington and to determine if they do not desire the Bureau to handle the ballistics examination.

It was suggested to Shanklin that if it had not been done that the room from which the bullets were fired be thoroughly processed for fingerprints. Shanklin was told that if it were feasible to obtain prints under the conditions that existed he should not hesitate to ask the Bureau for an expert fingerprintman to be sent from Washington to Dallas.