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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: October 7, 1966

FROM : A. Rosen

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SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, DALLAS, TEXAS, 11-22-63

PURPOSE:

To answer Director's inquiry, and to set forth facts concerning newspaper articles referring to FBI reports reporting results of autopsy examination conducted on President's body. Data in FBI reports is accurately reported.

BACKGROUND:

Articles appeared in the "Washington Evening Star" and "New York World Journal Tribune" (Bob Considine) on 10-5-66, referring to FBI reports which set forth the findings of the examining physicians who conducted the autopsy on President Kennedy's body. These articles refer to FBI reports submitted to the President's Commission on 12-9-63, and 1-13-64. Information set out was orally furnished to the Agents by examining physicians on 11-22-63; and is accurately reported.

With reference to the above, our reports of 12-9-63, and 1-13-64, accurately quoted the comments of the examining physicians at Bethesda Naval Hospital on the night of 11-22-63. The actual autopsy report is at variance; however, all facts pertaining to this matter were fully given to the Warren Commission and this Commission was fully aware of all such facts. In this connection, our Laboratory report very clearly, accompanied by photographs, showed a slit in the shirt and a nick in the tie which could have been caused by a projectile. The reason that there was variation between the two above-mentioned FBI investigative reports and the Warren Commission report was because the FBI was precluded from disclosing in its preliminary report to the Commission (because of the desires of the Kennedy family) any information concerning the actual autopsy report which, as a matter of fact, was subsequently furnished to the Commission by the Secret Service and used in the final report of the Warren Commission.

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to FBI report  
not submitted  
to Warren  
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RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

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Kennedy agrees w/ Hoover -  
No 2 B instructions*

The confusion comes about as a result of the examining physicians changing their original theory as furnished to our Agents on 11-22-63, that the bullet which entered the President's back did not exit from his body. The physicians subsequently concluded that this bullet did exit from the President's body, having passed between two large strap muscles without leaving any channel. The exit hole was **obliterated** by doctors who performed a tracheotomy on the President at Parkland Hospital, Dallas, Texas. The day after the autopsy examination was conducted, the examining physicians talked to doctors at Parkland Hospital and learned that they had utilized the exit hole as the point of incision for their tracheotomy. This chain of events is clearly set forth beginning on Page 88 of the Commission Report.

We have for some time been checking to find the specific basis upon which the statement has been made in various FBI memoranda (example attached) that the Kennedy family specifically asked that the autopsy report not be released. The fact is that Secret Service specifically claims that Bobby Kennedy had gotten in touch with that agency and had given specific instructions that the autopsy report, as well as photographs, were not to be released. Secret Service has advised that no information from the autopsy was released by that agency until it was turned over to the Warren Commission on 12-23-63. We, therefore, have a basis for any statements made by FBI representatives that the Kennedy family specifically requested that the autopsy report was not to be released.

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as not the same  
as original  
in Warren  
report*

ACTION:

The above data is set forth for your information.

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*No attachments*

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*The confusion which has developed  
would never have occurred if  
we had obtained the autopsy  
report originally. The Kennedy  
never asked us to withhold it  
if they had we should have been*



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