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Mr. James H. Hutchinson, III  
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Dear Mr. Hutchinson:

*7C* Your letter to Mr. McConnell transmitting a telegram from [redacted] has been referred to me. [redacted] asks why a Federal Grand Jury was not impaneled in the matter of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. *7C*

The assassination of President Kennedy was primarily a matter of state, rather than Federal jurisdiction. Section 1751 of Title 18 of the United States Code which makes the killing of the President and certain other Federal officers a Federal crime was added on August 28, 1965, with the enactment of Public Law 89-141. The Warren Commission was charged, among other duties, with determining whether any Federal laws were involved in any matter growing out of the assassination. The assassination of President Kennedy was a violation, of course, of Texas state law, and his accused murderer, Lee Harvey Oswald, would have been tried in a Texas state court had he not been killed. There were no grounds for bringing this matter before a Federal Grand Jury.

I hope that this information is of assistance to Congressman Meyers in responding to his constituent.

Sincerely,

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