

Chief Says Kennedy Files Open To FBI

Dallas Police Chief Charles Batchelor explained Friday that he was aware that all of the Dallas evidence and files on the Kennedy assassination have been removed from the Identification Bureau where such records are stored.

"We have made our information available to the FBI, Secret Service, Warren Commission and District Attorney as it was needed," the Chief declared. "As far as I know, there isn't any evidence left in our own records division except receipts from the FBI with the possible exception of the tee shirt and pants worn by Lee Harvey Oswald when he was killed by Jack Ruby."

The Chief said that the nature and importance of the case made it necessary for the Dallas Police Department to work closely with other agencies investigating the assassination or involved in the Ruby trial.

"We have been cooperative with these groups," Chief Batchelor added.

Although not involved di-

rectly with the case himself, the Chief said that from what he had heard and read he saw no substantial evidence which would justify reopening the investigation.

There is considerable clamor by several leading writers, magazines and newspapers for another probe of the presidential slaying based on purported discrepancies.

One revolved about Governor John Connally's disagreements with the Commission's findings on whether or not he was struck by the same bullet that wounded President Kennedy.

The Warren Commission contends there was just the one shot while the Governor said he and Mrs. Connally distinctly remember the President reaching for his throat wound before Connally himself was hit.

But the Governor emphasized that minor differences in opinion didn't warrant all the hullabaloo being created by critics of the Warren Commission.

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ald said he was unaware that the FBI had cleaned the Dallas files but not surprised. "They have a major interest in the case and we want to be helpful."

None of the Dallas officials would venture whether or not the FBI is chasing down new leads in the case. There are some Dallas investigators who still contend that Oswald and Ruby were part of a conspiracy even though there is no proof of collusion at all.

"We would all be better off if this matter would quiet down," Chief Batchelor said. "But there may be books and papers and interest as long as there is American civilization. After all it is part of history."

FBI Agent-in-Charge Gordon Shanklin told James Kerr, of WBAP-Channel 5 bureau, that there was no truth in the report. He added that the FBI had checked nothing out of the Dallas files since 1964.

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