

ON THE  
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
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Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Re: Assassination of President Kennedy

As of December 27, 1963, the FBI Laboratory advised that the paper bag marked Q-10 was not the same type of paper as was used in specimen K-52. Q-10 is identified as the brown wrapping paper in the shape of a long bag which was found near the window from which the shots were fired. K-52 is a replica paper sack made from paper and tape available in the shipping room of the Texas School Book Depository. The report states "it was determined that the paper and tape used for specimen K-52 is different from the paper and tape used for the Q-10 paper bag that was previously submitted in this case." (Gemberling, 1/7/64, "FBI Laboratory Examinations," page 47.)

To the contrary, the supplemental report of the FBI, dated January 13, 1964, at page 4, says

"The FBI Laboratory examined the brown wrapping paper in the shape of a long bag which was found near the window from which the shots were fired. It was determined that the wrapping paper and the three-inch manila tape used to construct the bag were the same as that used by the Texas School Book Depository." - K2 (D-1)

"We are in doubt. Please submit a report in writing from the laboratory to the tests made and the conclusions drawn."

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In addition, certain questions occur to us:

1. Was the brown wrapping paper sack the same color as paper used in the Shipping Department of the Texas School Book Depository?

2. Did the brown wrapping paper sack found on the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository Building change color when treated for fingerprints by Dallas Police Department?

3. Does the laboratory have any opinion as to the source of the paper used to make the brown wrapping paper bag found on the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository Building?

Sincerely,

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General Counsel

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