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Dr. Nichols Vows Court Appeal

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Phoenix, Ariz.—Dr. John M. Nichols, a pathologist at the University of Kansas Medical Center, said yesterday he planned to appeal a U. S. District court decision denying him access to certain government-held materials from the 1963 assassination of former President John F. Kennedy.

In a summary judgment yesterday, Judge George Templar ruled that the materials sought by Dr. Nichols, of 8008 Reeds road, Prairie Village, are not public records. The items in question, held by the Department of the Navy at the National Archives in Washington, include bullet fragments and clothing worn by Kennedy and former Gov. John Connally on November 22, 1963.

Reached by telephone in Phoenix, Ariz., Dr. Nichols said he is "certain that the materials we requested from the federal government are 'records.'" He said he "will almost certainly appeal this decision to the Tenth U. S. Circuit court in Denver."