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Police Chief Refuses To Open

Police Chief Charles Batchelor refused to open the Dallas police files on the Kennedy, Oswald and Ruby cases to an Oak Cliff Tribune reporter Monday.

Tribune Editor Ray Zauber, who quoted an authoritative source saying that the FBI has removed all of the assassination evidence from the Dallas Police Identification Bureau, confronted the chief.

"I can not give you permission to see the files in this case," Chief Batchelor told

the editor. "We have already had requests since your story appeared last Friday and denied them.

"Unless there is substantial new evidence which would justify reopening this case, we prefer to let it die down. There is much too much controversy about the President's death already and most of the present stories are completely void of anything new," the chief continued.

"Can't I peek without making any direct examination of

the contents?" Zauber asked. "I would like to resolve this dispute for my associates."

"I can't make any special exceptions for you and I'm sure you understand that," Chief Batchelor explained. "We are keeping the files closed and we stand on the integrity of this department in this decision."

"You must remember that I have some very close friends in the department and they continue to remain firm on the accuracy of their infor-

mation," Zauber pointed out. "I am told that there is a three-page typewritten single-spaced receipt for material assigned to the FBI, dated September 16, 1966."

The chief refused to make any direct comment on this, again stating that the department's integrity should suffice.

In a copyrighted story Friday, The Oak Cliff Tribune quoted an unimpeachable source within the department as saying the files had been



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quietly and systematically cleaned by the FBI.

The report was denied by the Dallas FBI agent in charge and the police chief, who had earlier told Zauber that the department had cooperated with the Warren Commission, Secret Service, District Attorney and FBI in releasing information.

Later he said that no data had been released since 1964 during the first Jack Ruby trial although all the physical evidence had been sur-

rendered except for the tee-shirt and pants worn by Lee Harvey Oswald when he was slain.

Much of the evidence was recently sealed in national archives by the Kennedy survivors including X-rays of the autopsy, medical reports, clothing worn by the President when he was killed and other technical data.

There are some veteran Dallas police investigators who still contend that Oswald had help when he killed JFK.

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