

February 9, 1970  
Eggersvej 14  
2900 Hellerup, Denmark

Dear Dr. Nichols,

If my memory serves me correctly you couldn't have picked a photo in Six Seconds that would cause more difficulty in getting reproduction rights.

I recently lent out my only copy of the book, but if we are both thinking of the same photo Life magazine owns the copyright on it. The photo as I recollect, shows fragments from Connally's wrist, and a pencil point for scale comparison. In the back of the book the photo credit for it should read Life. This photo was taken by a Life photographer (Arthur Schatz) in the Archives in January 1967. Dick Billings later gave me a print and said if I wanted to use it, to go ahead and not bother about written copyright permission. Life may still have a negative in the files. I think I probably have the only print in my files at Haverford.

I definitely recall that the exhibit of fragments from Connally's wrist consisted of three fragments -- one fairly good size, and the other two almost infinitesimal. I have no ready explanation as to why Schatz's photo, as you say, shows only two fragments. Perhaps one was later cropped out of the photo, or perhaps Schatz was only able to pick two fragments out of the plastic container. In any case there is no doubt whatsoever in my mind that there were three fragments in the plastic case labeled with a CE number indicating they had been removed from Connally's wrist.

To legally print the photo you should apply to Life, although since it is of material in the Archives, their copyright on it may prove to be very thin. I'm sure mentioning my name at Life would send the ghost of George Hunt raging in the executive suite.

Good luck on your manuscript. Although my geographic location limits what I can do, I'd be delighted to help in any way I can.

Sincerely yours,

Josiah Thompson

*Sylvia:*

*A reply to Nichol's request for permission to reprint a photo of CE 842. Wanted you to have a copy in case someone started raising a rumpus about the Archives missing fragments around or Thompson obviously only having 2 out of the 3 fragments.*

*Sen. Passell is now proclaiming that Oswald never shot him or a close associate, but apparently going along with the single-bullet theory. How does your Holland feel he's been saying?* *Bob Ford*

AFSENDER

*J. Bangs  
Egersvej 14  
2700 Hellerup  
Danmark*

HVIS DER LÆGGES NOGET IND I AEROGRAMMET, VIL  
DETTE IKKE BLIVE FREMSENDT AD LUFTVEJEN  
If anything is enclosed, the aerogramme will be  
forwarded by ordinary mail

**AEROGRAM**

**LUFTPOST  
PAR AVION**



*Mrs. Sylvia Meagher  
302 West 124 Street  
New York City  
New York  
USA*



29

TO OPEN CUT HERE