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Reply to
Attn of : NLK {Moss}

Subject: Request for Information on Location of "Autopsy Materials"

To : ND {Peterson}

This is to confirm, in writing, that after a careful search of several different files, and the correspondence files with such people as Herman Kahn, Robert F. Kennedy, Burke Marshall, Kenneth P. O'Donnell, Angela Novello, and the files pertaining to the legal deed on the papers of JFK, we have turned up no — no — receipts or other records of the receipt, transfer or other disposition of material related to the autopsy materials on the death of President Kennedy.

The nearest that we can come to a reference to these materials is an ambiguous one in a communication forwarding an inventory of JFK papers in Evelyn Lincoln's custody in the National Archives building. The inventory is substantially what we now call the "President's Office Files," and what was for several years called in the Archives the "Evelyn Lincoln Files."

notes that in addition to the inventory there are a number of items "in the vault." For the most part, these are valuable association items such as the President's personal library items and items from his desk in the White House, all of which have been incorporated into the collections of the Kennedy Library. However, there is also reference to

"A trunk containing all the medical records on the President's death."

There is no enlargement on this statement, no inventory of contents, and no further indication of the trunk's location, description or disposition. Nor have we discovered any other reference to this trunk in our files or holdings.

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