

The Attorney General
The Department of Justice
Washington, DC 20530

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Dear Ms. Attorney General,

The death of Governor Connally creates a situation that can be very serious embarrassing to the government, to the Department of Justice in particular and perhaps most of all to the FBI because in at least three parts of his body there is evidence that is essential to both the evidentiary base in the assassination of President Kennedy and to avoiding a new flood of conspiracy theories about that crime.

I write to reinforce what my friend Roger Feinman of New York, a former newsman and a lawyer intended telling you once the message would not appear to be ghoulish. I have, according to your own department, unique credentials in the field. In my FOIA case CAs 78-0322/0420 combined the department stated to that court that I know more about the JFK assassination than anyone employed by the FBI. I believe that the former chief of FOIA appeals Quinlan Shea, Jr., will confirm this. If you want an impartial opinion on the entirely factual nature of my work, I believe that George Lardner of the Washington Post will tell you that as a source for some 25 years I have never once misinformed him, ^{yes-} I have never ^{yes-} espoused any assassination theories and criticized those who commercialize and exploit our great national tragedies by means of them.

As Feinman correctly says, it is essential that the bullet fragments not removed from Connally's body be retrieved, weighed with the greatest precision possible and subjected to scientific testing, perhaps most of all to neutron activation examination.

You should understand that this can refute the official theory of the JFK assassination. The Warren ^Report is only that, a theory. Its theory is not consistent with those of the FBI and the Secret Service. If what Feinman urges is done it cannot confirm either theories.

If it is not done it surely will spawn a new series of conspiracy theories involving the government. And because what Feinman urges should be done, this predictable flood of theories is a certainty.

I believe that the FBI may well have a vested interest in these essential steps not being taken and may oppose them forcefully. This would, I believe, result in the greatest embarrassment to the administration, to your department and probably to you personally.

Feinman and I are a minuscule fraction of those all lumped together as "critics" in our quest for fact and for fact only.

I am past 80, with impaired health, and any travel presents dangers to me. I therefore cannot offer to go to Washington. But anyone you may send is welcome to my knowledge and to all the information I have. In terms of official documents this amounts to about a third of a million pages obtained by more than a dozen FOIA lawsuits some of which were precedential and one of which led to the 1974 amending of the investigatory files exemption.

I have published seven books on the JFK and King assassination - not a single theory in any one of them.

I also have a new book in the hands of a publisher. It centers on the medical evidence. I believe that whatever the department does or does not do I should add it. There is in the offing a veritable flood of books espousing various theories to exploit the coming 30th assassination anniversary. I note this because there is plenty of time for the theoreticians to add to their manuscripts this long in advance of publication.

I also call to your attention that the FBI knows that what Feinman urges need be done. If it has not recommended this it is subject to criticism. It knows very well the absolute necessity of weighing and testing the bullet fragments in Connally's body. I should add perhaps measuring them.

Please believe me, I am sincere and correct in this and seek nothing personal at all. If there could be any personal benefit to me it would be if what Feinman urges not be done because the explanation of its need that I would add to the book might increase its sale when it appears.

^Hy phone, should you want anyone in your office to phone, is 301/473-8186. I am never away from home for any length of time and I am almost never out of Frederick.

I apologize for my typing.
It cannot be any better

Sincerely,


Harold Weisberg