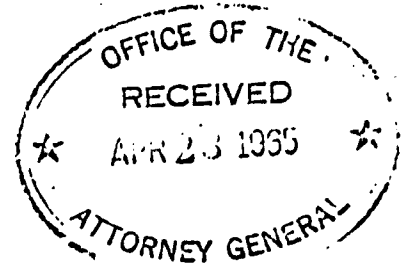


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April 27, 1965



Hon. Nicholas deB. Katzenbach  
Attorney General of the United States  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

I am enclosing a copy of the letter that I received from the Chief Justice with regard to a letter he received from attorneys Kilgore & Kilgore of Dallas, Texas, regarding the Oswald guns, together with my response to Messrs. Kilgore.

I talked to Mr. Waggoner Carr about these letters and my proposed response, and he said he was in complete agreement with the Commission's position that all of the physical evidence relating to the proof of the participation of Lee Oswald in the assassination of President Kennedy should be retained by the United States Government for an indefinite period.

Should you decide to recommend legislation on this subject, I am sure that the members of the Commission, or myself if they desire it, will be pleased to cooperate in urging that such legislation be passed.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

*J. Lee Rankin*  
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Mr. J. Lee Rankin  
36 West 44th Street  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Thank you for your letter of April 27, 1965,  
enclosing a copy of a letter to you from the Chief Justice.

I am glad to have this indication of the Commission's strong desire that the physical evidence relating to the proof of the participation of Lee Harvey Oswald in the assassination of President Kennedy should be retained by the United States Government. Once the Department's proposed legislation is transmitted to the Congress, I believe it would definitely be desirable for an appropriate statement of the Commission's position to be made to the responsible Committees.

I shall be glad to send you a copy of the proposed legislation as soon as it is finalized within the Department.

Sincerely,

*Nicholas DeB. Katzenbach*

Attorney General

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