

June 10, 1978

Dear Harold,

I am sending you two copies of this letter so that you may forward one of them to Howard Roffman, since I don't have a current address for him.

I received yesterday 54 pages of documents from the FBI under the FOIA concerning the Pate/Colpix recording of November 22, 1963. I regret to say that the material was largely duplicative of the material which Howard sent to me from his own Archives research files, and it contained not a single new piece of information which would throw any light on (a) whether there was an authentic recording of the assassination shots, or (b) what was the ultimate disposition of the original KBOX tape. (The last I know, the tape was transmitted by Hoover to Rankin under cover of a letter dated June 10, 1964, and was thereafter transmitted to Dr. Kersta at Bell labs. There the chain of possession appears to end.) Nor is there any reference in the materials to Dr. Kersta.

The only conclusion I am able to reach from this stuff is that the FBI's investigation was limited entirely to locating the KBOX tape, in accordance with the Commission's request of May 22, 1964. There was apparently no effort on the part of the FBI to ascertain whether what they finally found had been disturbed by editing or had been interfered with in any other way, and no laboratory testing by the FBI.

Of course, if the original KBOX tape could somehow be located today, either in the Archives or at Bell labs, or anywhere else, it might be subjected to any new testing techniques which have been developed since 1964.

Any further FOIA investigation of Pate/Colpix would probably have to focus on bureau files (Dallas and New York), but I seriously doubt the value of this.

I am continuing to consider the FOIA possibilities of obtaining information from other sources pertaining to whether a recording of the shots may have been made in some other way (not including the Dallas police tapes), and will keep you abreast of my progress.

Best regards,

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*Harold - 11/22/63
Pate/Colpix
Kersta - Bell Labs
Rankin - June 10, 1964
Hoover - June 10, 1964
Commission - May 22, 1964*