

July 21, 1969

Dr. James Rhoads  
Archivist of the United States  
The National Archives  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Rhoads,

In a number of ways I have asked for every available document on the autopsy of President Kennedy or in any way relating to it. I have been assured that your agency has made everything not classified available to me.

The receipt of November 26, 1963, by Robert I. Duck, covering autopsy-items received from Admiral Burkley, lists several items not given me. I would like them now. These are:

"One carbon copy of letter dated November 26 from Commanding Officer, U.S. Medical School (sic), concerning law and regulations regarding confidential nature of the events."

"One receipt dated Nov. 22, 1963, for bed sheet, surgical drapes, and shroud used to cover the body in transit".

"One receipt, dated Nov. 22, 1963, regarding a carton of photographic film, undeveloped except for X-rays, delivered to PHS for safekeeping."

"An original and six pink copies of Certificate of Death (Nav. Med.N)"

"Authorization for post mortem examination signed by the Attorney General and dated Nov. 22, 1963."

A copy of the original of the death certificate will suffice.

If any other items relevant to the autopsy have come to light or been transferred to the Archives since my requests, I would also appreciate copies of them.

If any receipts were given by or for Admiral Burkley, I would like them also, please. And if any other receipts, memoranda, letters or notations of any kind in any way relating to or about the pictures and X-rays of the autopsy are in the Archives, I would like copies of them, too.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg