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Clarence M. Kelley, Director
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U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Kelley:

Thank you for your letter to me of September 30, 1976 regarding my FOIA request contained in a letter to the Department of Justice dated September 7, 1976.

My request concerned the chain of possession of the photographs and X-rays taken at the autopsy of President Kennedy, and documents related to the various transfers of those materials. I do not expect that many documents or records relevant to my request are contained in the files of the FBI. I am sure that several documents specifically mentioned in my letter would be found in Justice Department files outside of the FBI.

Therefore, I am at a loss to understand why the FBI is the only branch of the Justice Department to have responded to my request so far. Your letter mentions that a copy of my letter "was referred to the FBI by the Department of Justice." You do not state whether other branches of the Justice Department have also been sent copies of my letter. If the FBI was the sole branch to which my request was forwarded, I request that you immediately forward my request to other appropriate offices.

I am willing to wait a reasonable period of time for the FBI to process my request to the extent that some of the records I seek might be in FBI files. However, the FBI's backlog should in no way interfere with prompt compliance with my request by other offices within the Justice Department, and I am most concerned that such other offices comply with the statutory time limits.

Sincerely,

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