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Mr. Ramsey Clark, Acting U.S. Atty. General
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Dear Mr. Clark:

As a public spirited U. S. citizen, I am writing to you about a matter which I believe to be of national importance, and one which bears upon the current controversy over the findings of the Warren Commission on the assassination of the late President Kennedy. I believe that I have inadvertently discovered important evidence that, from what I have been able to ascertain from examination of the public records, has gone unnoticed in the official investigations of the assassination. This evidence, if verified, would clearly vindicate the "single bullet theory" advanced by the Commission.

On November 25, 1966, LIFE magazine published a sequence of color reproductions of frames from the original Zapruder film of the assassination. Of particular interest to me were enlargements of portions of frames numbered 223 and 225. I have discovered, in these two enlargements, what I believe to be clear indications that the bullet, which passed through Governor Connally's chest, did so immediately prior to frame 223, and not in the vicinity of frame 234 as the governor has contended. These indications might easily go unnoticed, but, once pointed out, they are strikingly apparent.

My attention was first attracted by a curious blue-grey blur appearing in front of Governor Connally's chest in frame 223. It occurred to me that this could be a puff of vaporized blood and flesh emanating from the governor's chest, betraying the exit of a high velocity bullet from the flesh. The vapor appears to be even more prominent in the small, unenlarged reproduction of frame 222. It has almost entirely dissipated by frame 225. This display is similar to, but not as prominent as, the vapor seen in the frames of the fatal shot to President Kennedy's head.

Closer examination of the enlarged frames revealed more positive evidence. The relative positions of the governor's tie, coat lapel and collar in the two frames, separated in time by only 0.11 seconds, indicate a violent flailing of these parts of his apparrel. Testimony on the condition of the governor's clothing revealed that the fabrics of his shirt front and right lapel had

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been torn by the bullet, as it penetrated them upon leaving his chest. This action would impart to the clothing the force necessary to cause the violent motion recorded on the film.

Other less positive, but clearly relevant, evidence is apparent in the enlargements. Governor Conally's facial expressions show a clear involuntary reaction to a blow in frame 225. His right shoulder has been driven forward and downward and his left shoulder is rising. President Kennedy's immediate reaction to a restriction of his breath, caused by the passage of the bullet through his trachea, is clearly apparent in both frames.

I am confident that a careful analysis, including motion studies, of high quality enlargements of the appropriate portions of frames 221 through 226 will establish, beyond all reasonable doubt, that President Kennedy and Governor Connally were hit at the same time and at, or very near, the time of frame 222. I understand that the Warren Commission has been dissolved and that the official government investigation has been closed. However, in the light of the present controversy over the results of the investigation, I feel that the evidence I have pointed out has implications of sufficient importance to the American public to warrant its further investigation.

I am a member of the National Rifle Association of America. I am an experienced rifleman and am qualified in the operation and characteristics of high powered rifles. I am employed as a member of technical staff by Bell Telephone Laboratories, Incorporated. My training as an engineer and experience in analyzing tracking films and photographic data has caused me to be habitually perceptive of photographic detail. The theories that I have presented were derived from my own personal observations and are in no way connected with, or related to, company activities. No company time was used in this undertaking.

I feel morally obligated to bring this evidence to your attention. I shall be pleased to further discuss my findings with you, or your appointed representative, should you so desire.

Sincerely,

J. V. Anders

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Dear Mr. Anders:

Attorney General Clark has asked me to reply to your letter of February 24, 1967, concerning evidence which, if verified, would in your opinion support the "single bullet theory" advanced by the Warren Commission.

The Attorney General has asked me to express his appreciation for bringing this matter to the Department's attention and to advise you that the Department will certainly look into the possibilities you suggest.

Sincerely yours,

Frank M. Wozencraft
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LETTER FROM J. V. ANDERS REGARDING ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

John F.

Reference is made to your memorandum dated June 16, 1967, with which you furnished a letter from Mr. J. V. Anders concerning observations by Mr. Anders of evidence to support the "single bullet theory" advanced by the Warren Commission in connection with the assassination of President Kennedy. You requested that it be determined whether his observations and conclusions justify further investigation.

Examination of Zapruder film

Mr. Anders reportedly observed a blue-grey blur in front of Governor Connally's chest in frames 222 through 225 of the motion picture film taken by Abraham Zapruder. Mr. Anders has suggested that this blur "could be a puff of vaporized blood and flesh emanating from the Governor's chest, betraying the exit of a high velocity bullet." The frames described by Mr. Anders have been analyzed in the FBI Laboratory in the light of his observations but no evidence was found that would support his conclusions. Although the detail in the film is not clear enough to permit an accurate determination, where this blue-grey blur appears in frames 224 and 225, it was found to be the edge or rim of Mr. Connally's hat which he was holding in his hand and which comes into identifiable view in subsequent frames. The only "blue-grey blur" found in frames 222 and 223 appears to be a shadow on the chest area of Mr. Connally's shirt.

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