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Dr. John Nichols
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College of Health Sciences
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Kansas City, Kansas 66103

Dear Dr. Nichols:

This letter is to advise you that your administrative appeal to the Attorney General from the denial by Clarence M. Kelley, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, of your request under the Freedom of Information Act for information from the files of the Department of Justice relating to the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy was received by this unit on March 11, 1975.

Administrative
As required by the provisions of Title 5, United States Code, Section 552(a)(6)(A)(ii), you will be advised of the action on your appeal by the Attorney General in a further communication to be dispatched not later than April 3, 1975, unless a delay authorized by Section 552(a)(6)(B) is required, in which event you will be notified of the fact of the delay and the new date by which the response will be forthcoming.

Sincerely,

QUINLAN J. SHEA, Jr., Chief
Freedom of Information Appeals Unit

cc: Shea
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TO : Mr. White *WJ*

DATE: 1-Office, 7133
1-Mr. Kilty
March 13, 1975
1-Mr. Cunningham

FROM : M. E. Williams *MEW*

SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST OF
JOHN NICHOLS, M.D. REGARDING
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Reference is made to Legal Counsel to J. B. Adams' memorandum of February 26, 1975, wherein the Laboratory was asked to review Nichols' requests in his letter received February 21, 1975, and in his telegram of February 19, 1975, and comment on the availability of the material.

Item No. 1

His first item requests the "raw data" and "derived results" of neutron activation analysis (NAA) and/or spectrographic examinations conducted on the following specimens and any other specimens so examined:

Description of Specimens

<u>Commission Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Laboratory Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
CE 399	Q1	Bullet from Stretcher
CE 567	Q2	Bullet fragment from front seat cushion
CE 569	Q3	Bullet fragment from beside front seat, right side
CE 843	Q4, Q5	Metal fragments from President's head
CE 842	Q9	Metal fragment from arm of Governor John Connolly

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CE 840	Q14	Three metal fragments recovered from rear floor board carpet
CE 573	Q188	Bullet from General Walker's residence

The response to this request is being limited to the specimens listed by Nichols and two copies of the "raw data" and "derived results" are attached for review. It should be noted that no NAA examinations were conducted on CE 569 and CE 573.

The attached notes and calculations may not be entirely responsive to Nichols' "raw data" request. The actual data printouts for NAA are available but are not being furnished because the numbers obtained from the data printouts were subjected to basic arithmetic operations the results of which are incorporated in the information furnished with this memorandum.

The Special Photographic Unit of the Laboratory is still involved in the reproduction of the spectrographic plates. These reproductions will be available by March 24, 1975.

Items No. 2 through 5

The answers to Nichols' second through fifth items were included in Bureau letter to Nichols dated March 7, 1975.

Request in telegram dated February 19, 1975

Except for small amounts of each specimen which were removed for spectrographic and/or NAA examinations, the specimens referred to were turned over to the National Archives and are in the custody of the Archivist. The amounts of material removed for preparation of the specimens for examination were not recorded nor were the remaining weights recorded.

The Laboratory is not in position to respond to Nichols' request for permission to conduct his own examinations of the referred to specimens.

ACTION: None. For information only.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. J. B. Adams

DATE: 2/26/75

FROM : Legal Counsel *J.B.*

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Attached to this memorandum is a copy of a letter containing a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request from John Nichols, M. D., received on 2/20/75. Also attached is a copy of a teletype containing an additional item to be included in his request. We have had considerable correspondence with Dr. Nichols in the past, the last being on 1/13/75, at which time he was advised we would process his request under the amended FOIA after its effective date if he so desired.

We have pending a similar request from Harold Weisberg with regard to neutron activation and spectrographic analysis data. Weisberg's request, which is now in the form of an appeal from earlier correspondence, is still in the hands of the Justice Department. Correspondence is being prepared by the Department to him which will in effect refer him back to us since the Department's position is his appeal was premature.

By memorandum from Mr. M. E. Williams to Mr. White dated 1/24/75, the Laboratory Division identified the data pertinent to the Weisberg request for the spectrographic and neutron activation testing and advised concerning problems of reproduction and cast factors.

The Laboratory Division is requested to review the Nichols request and comment concerning each of the six items as to whether the answer is available, and if so, provide proper response and location of any documentation necessary.

Enc. *J.B.*

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- 1 - Mr. White
- 1 - Mr. Mintz
- 1 - Mr. McCreight
- 1 - Mr. Bresson

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Re: Freedom of Information Request
of John Nichols, etc.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Laboratory Division furnish Legal Counsel Division,
FOIA Unit, the above requested information in order that a reply can be
furnished to Dr. Nichols.

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