

GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

ed letter is from Harold W. [redacted]. He is former State Department employee who was fired in 1947 because he was suspected of being a Communist or having Communist sympathies. He currently operates a poultry business in Maryland. He is author of "Whitewash" which was highly critical of the Warren Commission Report concerning the assassination of President Kennedy. He has also been critical of the Bureau. He has a suit pending against the Government for disallowing his claim under the Freedom of Information Act for information concerning the assassination.

Weisberg alleges a bullet was recently found in the area where President Kennedy was killed. He believes bullet is a "plant" but offers it to the Bureau for any examination we care to make. Weisberg's letter is not clear but it is possible that this bullet has been examined by an amateur expert.

Irrespective of Weisberg's background, it is felt that we should obtain the bullet and have the bullet examined by our Laboratory to see if it is of any significance to the assassination in order to preclude him from making any allegation that the Bureau is not interested in matters concerning the assassination. This has been coordinated with the Laboratory Division. The Dallas Office has advised it has no information concerning this bullet.

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, F.B.I.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover,

A friend who was in Dallas recently found a spent and almost-perfect bullet in a planter near the Kennedy memorial, along Houston Street. He and I both think it is a ghoulish "plant". However, I feel the loan of it should be offered to you for any test or examination you might care to make. We feel that because it is so obvious a "plant" and because we have no way of knowing when it was deposited in Daley Plaza we should not automatically assume that it can have no significance.

My friend, who has some amateur expertise in these matters, believes it is a type designated as .30 N2.

The rifling marks seem clear. Comparing it with a seemingly identical bullet indicates rather extensive tarnishing, possibly the consequence of weathering.

II In the course of his testing, my friend has almost perfectly duplicated the condition of Warren Commission Exhibit 399 with a spent round he also sent me.

If you have any interest in any of these bullets, I can mail or deliver them to Washington or give them to your local representative.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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