

Account of the inspection of materials
relating to the autopsy of President John F. Kennedy
The National Archives
October 31, 1966

At approximately 5:05 p.m., October
31, 1966, ^{in Room 6W3 of the National Archives} ~~Mr. Burke Marshall~~,
the representative of the estate of President John
F. Kennedy, ~~was~~ delivered to the
custody of the ^{Government of the} United States certain
materials ~~relating to the autopsy~~
~~of the late President.~~ ^{to the autopsy}
Materials were in a footlocker
that had previously been delivered
to the National Archives by rep-
resentatives of Senator Robert F.
Kennedy for ~~the~~ purposes of
secure storage. ~~At the time~~
At the time ~~the~~ ^{the} contents were not divulged to
officials of the National Archives
and Records Service, ^{the footlocker} ~~and it~~ was
locked, ~~and the~~ ^{the} key was retained
by representatives of Senator Robert F.
Kennedy, and it is

The footlocker was opened in
the presence of Burke Marshall, Miss
Anita Havelle, secretary to Senator

Mr. Marshall to ~~the~~ Hon. Dawson B. Keith,
Jr., Administrator of General Services,
dated October 29, 1966, which constitutes
a deed of gift of these and other
materials from the estate of John F.
Kennedy to the Government of the
United States.

Robert F. Kennedy; Frank M.
Koynecraft, Assistant Attorney
General; Harold F. Rein, Executive
Assistant to the Attorney General;
Robert H. Bahner, Archivist of the
United States; James B. Rhoads,
Deputy Archivist of the United
States; Thomas Kahn, Assistant
Archivist for Presidential Libraries;
and William E. H. Brewster, Assist-
ant to the General Counsel,
General Service Administration.
Immediately after the opening
of the ~~front~~ footlocker Miss
Kavall and Messrs. Marshall
and Koynecraft departed and
those remaining inspected its
contents.

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October 31, 1966

On this date at approximately 2:05 p.m. in the National Archives Building in Room 6W-3 a footlocker previously delivered to the National Archives by representatives of Senator Robert F. Kennedy for the purposes of safekeeping was opened with the consent of the representative of the executors of the estate of John F. Kennedy, Mr. Burke Marshall, in the presence of the following: Burke Marshall; Miss Angela Navello; Assistant Attorney General Frank M. Wozencraft; Harold F. Reis, Executive Assistant to the Attorney General; Dr. Robert H. Bahmer, Archivist of the United States; Dr. James B. Rhoads, Deputy Archivist of the United States; Herman Kahn, Assistant Archivist for Presidential Libraries; William H. Brewster, Assistant to the General Counsel, GSA.

Immediately after opening of the footlocker Miss Angela Navello, Messrs. Marshall and Wozencraft departed and those remaining inspected the contents of the footlocker.

Included in the material in the footlocker were ^{and} a carbon copy of a letter from Senator Robert F. Kennedy to Vice Admiral George G. Burkley dated April 22, 1965, wherein Senator Kennedy authorized ^{ing the} release to the Senator's custody all the material ^{relating to the autopsy of} of President Kennedy of which the Doctor ^{Adm. Burkley} had personal knowledge and delivery ^{of} the same ~~for safekeeping~~ to Mrs. Evelyn Lincoln in the National Archives ^{Building} a copy of this letter is attached hereto ^{also} with as Exhibit A.) In addition, the footlocker contained the original of a letter ^{Adm.} (dated April 26, 1965) from Dr. Burkley to Mrs. Evelyn Lincoln, ^{relating to the autopsy of President Kennedy, as itemized in} transmitting material ^{these materials were} itemized in an attached list ^{relating to the autopsy} concerning the autopsy ^{the list attached to} the letter.

(This letter and its attachment are appended hereto as Exhibit B).
~~of the late President Kennedy. A copy of Dr. Burkley's letter of April 26, 1965, to Mrs. Evelyn Lincoln and the attached list is attached herewith as Exhibit B.~~

Inspection of the footlocker disclosed that it contained items 1 through 8, inclusive, referred to in the attachment to ~~Vice Admiral~~ Burkley's letter of April 26, 1965. It did not contain any of the material referred to in item 9 of that attachment ~~(see Exhibit B)~~. ~~However, there was also in the~~ ^{footlocker,} ~~footlocker,~~ ^{did contain} three large manila envelopes ~~containing~~ ^{of} material which appeared to be copies of military service records of the late President ~~John F.~~ Kennedy and which ~~appeared to be unrelated~~ ^{had no apparent relationship} to the autopsy.

Messrs. Bahmer, Reis, Rhoads, ^{and Braumhart} and Kahn, ~~and~~ examined the ~~various envelopes and~~ ^{the attachment to (above)} material enumerated in items 2 through 8, inclusive, of ~~Dr.~~ Burkley's letter and concluded as a result of ~~such~~ ^{this} examination that the material referred to under those items was present ~~in the footlocker~~. That material was removed from the footlocker and placed in a security cabinet previously approved by ~~the executor of the late President Kennedy.~~ ^{Mr. Lincoln}

(Bahmer)

(Reis)

(Rhoads)

(Kahn)

(Braumhart)