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Spruce Pine, NC 27777
January 31, 1975

Mr. J. Gordon Shanklin
SAIC, FBI Office
Room 200
1810 Commerce Street
Dallas, Texas 75210

Dear Mr. Shanklin,

I am writing in reference to the assassination of President Kennedy, in particular a bone fragment found at the assassination scene on the afternoon of 11/23/63, by William Allen Harper. I have been in contact with Mr. Clarence Kelley, FBI Director, in Washington, concerning this matter, and he gave me very little information. However, he did inform me that the FBI did have a file on this bone, and that the bone was examined by the FBI laboratory. I am interested in several bits of information on the bone and I would like your help in this matter.

I want the report of the FBI laboratory, the report of the pathologist (Dr. A.B. Cairns) who examined it, and help in locating photographs that were made of the bone. I realize that there are probably bits of information on this matter that I am unaware of, and would appreciate any of this. I also understand that some of this material may be of a secret nature, and I understand the FBI's reasons for not releasing the material. Also, any help in the way of copies of documents or references would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Richard Sullins
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200 Mercantile Continental Building
Dallas, Texas 75201
February 4, 1975

Mr. Richard Sullins
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Box 683
Spruce Pine, North Carolina 28777

Dear Mr. Sullins:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated January 31, 1975, requesting information concerning the bone fragment found at the assassination scene on the afternoon of November 23, 1963, by William Allen Harper.

All inquiries concerning documents and evidence obtained in the assassination investigation should be directed to the Attorney General, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.. Under Public Law 89-318 certain items of evidence obtained in this investigation were designated by the Attorney General for preservation by the United States.

I regret I am unable to honor your request for copies of documents and other information.

Very truly yours,

J. Gordon Shanklin,
Special Agent in Charge

1 - Addressee

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