

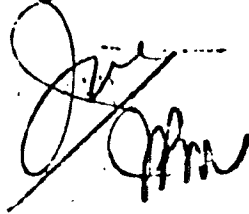
Laboratory Division

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Attached airtel indicates that Dr. John M. Nichols made derogatory comments concerning the FBI during an address before an annual joint meeting of a local bar association and medical society. Nichols alleged that he was unable to obtain information concerning X-rays taken at the autopsy of President Kennedy and indicated he was considering filing a law suit against the FBI. The FBI, of course, had nothing to do with the X-rays.

Nichols is a loudmouth who has communicated with the Bureau on several previous occasions seeking information in such a manner as to indicate that he wants to "use" the FBI in connection with some personal project such as a book which he is preparing. Attached is a copy of a memorandum from B. J. White to I. W. Conrad dated 6/13/68, in which the background of this individual is reviewed and on which the Director approved the recommendation that the most recent letter from Nichols not be acknowledged and that the field office be advised to be most circumspect in any future dealings with him.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'J. W. Conrad', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

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Date: 9-25-68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)
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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
 JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
 DALLAS, TEXAS
 11-22-63
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Re Bulet to Kansas City, 6-17-68.

On the night of 9-24-68, Dr. JOHN M. NICHOLS, Associate Pathologist, University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, Kansas, was the guest speaker of the annual joint meeting of the Reno County, Kansas Bar Association and Reno County, Kansas Medical Society. The topic of Dr. NICHOLS' talk was a pathological investigation of the assassination of President KENNEDY and the Warren Commission Report.

At the outset of the address, NICHOLS was highly critical of the medical autopsy procedures followed after the assassination of President JOHN F. KENNEDY. He claimed the autopsy procedure was totally incomplete and he was also somewhat critical of the FBI investigation, based on autopsy reports, particularly in regard to the trajectory of the bullet which struck President KENNEDY in the back. He also claimed in the replay of the assassination of President KENNEDY, the FBI used a different car, which created different distances between persons in the car and different angles.

He stated he has in the past had numerous items of correspondence with FBI headquarters in Washington, D. C. and initially his inquiries were answered; however, recent requests by him failed to receive a response from the FBI. He stated he is interested in obtaining additional information concerning

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x-rays taken at the autopsy of the body of President KENNEDY and he has been unable to obtain any information in this regard from the FBI. He advised he is also seeking additional information concerning the gun allegedly used in the shooting of President KENNEDY and that he is planning a law suit against the FBI in an effort to obtain the desired information.

He admitted he has written an article concerning this same topic, which article was published in the American Medical Association Journal, also that he is planning a book on this subject.

His lecture was based primarily on sketches and drawings, most of which involved ballistics and trajectories. He claimed to have made numerous tests with a similar-type weapon and ammunition and on the basis of these tests he claims some conclusions reached by the Warren Commission were erroneous.

At the conclusion of his address, MICHAEL CHALFANT, prominent attorney in Hutchinson, Kansas, and former County Attorney, questioned Dr. NICHOLS as to his purpose in attempting to prove the items noted above. He specifically asked Dr. NICHOLS whether, if he was trying to disprove the theories accepted by the Warren Commission, he had any theories he was trying to prove; however, this did not receive a satisfactory response, as NICHOLS claimed he was not trying to prove any other theory.

SA THOMAS E. KELLY, Resident Agent, Hutchinson, Kansas, who is a member of the Reno County, Kansas Bar Association, was in attendance at the above-noted dinner and address. At the conclusion of the address, SA KELLY contacted Dr. NICHOLS and specifically asked him if he was, in fact, planning a law suit against the FBI for the purpose of obtaining information. In a serious manner, Dr. NICHOLS stated he expected to commence a law suit in a month or so.

Following the address, SA KELLY was contacted by numerous attorneys and physicians in attendance, and it was the general impression of most of these persons that Dr. NICHOLS had no information of substance and that he was on some type of individual crusade to prove an unknown point. His address covered numerous points of evidence; however, he devoted most of it to the autopsy and the ballistics matters.