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MEMORANDUM

June 29, 1964

TO: Mr. J. Lee Rankin

FROM: Arlen Specter

As you know we requested the original sound tape of "Four Days that Shocked the World" to determine if we could hear gunshot sounds on the transcript made at the time of the assassination by an on-the-site announcer. By letter dated June 10, 1964, Mr. Hoover sent us the transcript with the comment that there were no "sounds which could be interpreted as gunshots."

Several members of the staff listened to the tape and heard two noises which sound like gunshots right before the announcer said: "It appears as though something has happened in the motorcade route." Inspector Kelley of the Secret Service has recommended that we have the tape analyzed by Dr. L. G. Kersta whose laboratory analyzed the tape involved in the recent airplane crash near San Francisco where the pilot transmitted a radio message shortly before he was shot by a passenger on a trip out of Las Vegas.

I have drafted a letter of transmittal to Dr. Kersta which I attach together with the tape.

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