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TO : Mr. Conrad

DATE: 4/1/64

FROM : R. H. Jevons

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY; 11/22/63; DALLAS, TEXAS

On 3/31/64 SA Robert A. Frazier, Firearms Unit, FBI Laboratory, testified before the President's Commission on the assassination of President Kennedy, beginning at 9:10 a.m., and ending at 4:20 p.m. Various members of the Commission were present at different times during the day. Chief Justice Earl Warren was present for approximately one hour. Mr. John Jay McCloy, Chairman, Advisory Committee, Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, was present for most of the testimony and Representative Hale Boggs (Democrat - Louisiana) was present for a short time. The testimony given concerned the firearms aspect of the assassination, especially the identification of the fatal bullets and cartridge cases with Oswald's rifle and the results of the Laboratory examination of the bullet recovered from retired General Edwin A. Walker's residence (Oswald is alleged to have fired this bullet on 4/10/63. While the bullet was extremely mutilated and lacked identifying markings, it was found to bear rifling characteristics of the type produced by the assassination rifle and was similar to the type of ammunition used in the assassination.).

The testimony went smoothly and several individuals were very complimentary in their remarks concerning Mr. Frazier's presentation, commenting both to Mr. Frazier and later to Mr. Melvin Eisenberg, Staff Attorney, who elicited the testimony.

Commissioner McCloy advised SA Frazier that it may be necessary for him to reappear to testify concerning the bullet holes in President Kennedy's clothes and concerning the examination of the President's limousine, but this would be at a later date. He stated that SA Cortlandt Cunningham was

Enclosure

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- 1-Mr. Belmont - Enclosure
- 1-Mr. Rosen - Enclosure
- 1-Mr. DeLoach - Enclosure

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scheduled to appear to testify on 4/1/64, concerning the firearms evidence recovered in connection with the shooting of Dallas Police Officer J. D. Tippit by Oswald. It is expected that SA Cunningham will also testify concerning the paraffin tests performed in the FBI Laboratory insofar as the manner in which these tests were conducted and as to the results of the treatment of certain of the paraffin casts with diphenylbenzidine, as outlined in my memorandum dated 3/31/64.

Details of Mr. Frazier's testimony are set forth on the attached pages.

ACTION:

For information.

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