

10/9/69

Dear Gary,

By sending this airmail and getting it in today's outgoing mail it may well reach you this week. Meaning, unless you have worked fast, perhaps before you have seen Harper.

Because of the urgency of time and the possibility this correspondence may be helpful, I am sending it without Howard Hoffman's permission. Therefore, unless and until we get his permission to share it, please hold it in strictest confidence.

Howard has written a book requiring revision. He may plan to use this in it, in one of various possible forms. As you know, I already have it it POST MONTM in one form. Whatever you learn from Harper and tell me, unless you should say otherwise, I will pass on to Howard.

No time for more. Brief note from Salzman in today's mail.

Enclosed are Harper to Hoffman, 8/6/68; Eckhoff to Hoffman, 8/27/69; Hoover to Hoffman 8/19/68.

When I first discovered this material, I believe in CD 5, in the late spring of 1966, I asked for the pictures and was told they did not exist. When I was writing POST MONTM I again asked and was given the same response. This was in it about August 1967. So, the story is consistent. This may, incidentally, account for my unclear recollection, in which I told you to ask young Harper about pix.

Best to all,

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 62-109060

August 19, 1968

Mr. Howard Roffman
8829 Blue Grass Road
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19152

Dear Mr. Roffman:

Reference is made to your letter dated August 8, 1968, requesting information concerning certain items connected with the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.


Your letter noted a variation between the weights of the "stretcher bullet," Commission Exhibit 399, and other bullets of the same caliber. The bullets with which the "stretcher bullet" was compared in this instance were unfired bullets.

It is true that bullets lose a fraction of a grain in weight due to abrasion by the barrel of the weapon from which they are fired. The amount lost, however, would not be significant since bullets vary in manufactured weight more than in weight loss as the result of firing. Further, the "stretcher bullet" was slightly mutilated which could account for the difference between its recovered weight and the weight of a pristine bullet.

The 35 mm slides to which you refer were obtained at the request of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy and were turned over to the Commission upon receipt. Dr. Harper will be contacted concerning this matter.

I trust that the above information will be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,


John Edgar Hoover
Director

October 24, 1969

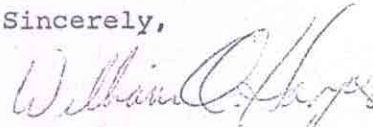
Mr. Gary Richard Schoener
Box 392 Mayo Hospital
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455

Dear Mr. Schoener:

Thank you for your very gracious request, but I prefer to eliminate any and all reasons for further participation in this matter.

I am sorry that I could not be of assistance to you in this endeavor, however, I am sure you will understand.

Sincerely,



WILLIAM A. HARPER

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WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

November 29, 1963

BY LIAISON

Rear Admiral George G. Burkley
Physician to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20501

Dear Admiral Burkley:

This letter confirms the information furnished to you telephonically by Special Agent Roy H. Jevons of the FBI Laboratory on November 27, 1963, concerning the piece of bone reportedly found by a student near the place where the President was shot.

In accordance with your request, this piece of bone was X-rayed and examined microscopically to determine the presence of bullet metal but none was found. A small amount of blood appearing on the surface of the bone was determined to be of human origin. There was not a sufficient amount of blood present for grouping purposes.

This specimen was delivered to you on the afternoon of November 27, 1963, by special courier.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DALLAS (89-43)

DATE: 11/25/63

FROM : SA JAMES W. ANDERTON

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY
11/22/63
AFO

At 9:50 A.M. this date, DR. JACK C. HARPER, Office Tel. WH 1-0323, called from Methodist Hospital, stating that his nephew, BILLY A. HARPER, 2378 E. Ledbetter, who is a pre-medical student at TCU, had been taking photographs in area of assassination and had found in the grass a piece of human bone. DR. HARPER stated both he and Chief Pathologist at Methodist Hospital confirmed that it is definitely a piece of human skull, and he wanted to turn it over to FBI. He was told that there is to be no publicity of this matter whatsoever. His nephew is bringing it to the FBI Office.

SA ANDERTON immediately contacted MR. ROBERTSON of Secret Service, who immediately contacted Secret Service at White House, a MR. BOCK, who is Chief of the Protective Research Section there, who instructed that the piece of human bone be delivered directly to that section, and that since the FBI had received the call, then the FBI should send the bone to the White House, AND NO PUBLICITY WHATSOEVER.

SA ANDERTON consulted with Inspector J. R. MALLEY, who instructed that HARPER should be directly referred to Secret Service since that agency has primary jurisdiction.

SA ANDERTON immediately contacted MR. J. L. KELLY, Secret Service, relating above information, who stated they would have an Agent come to the FBI upon arrival of HARPER, and personally take the piece of bone from him.

SAC J. GORDON SHANKLIN then instructed the writer that Asst. Director BELMONT had called, instructing that the piece of bone be sent in by our office, rather than Secret Service, and to send it to the Laboratory for examination. MR. KELLY, Secret Service was advised of these new instructions.

The writer then dictated a registered-airmail airtel to the FBI Laboratory enclosing the bone material for proper examination

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

National Archives and Records Service
Washington, D.C. 20408



DATE: December 17, 1970

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: NND

SUBJECT: Records of the Warren Commission. (Your letter of November 25, 1970.)

Mr. Howard Roffman
133C Baird, U. of P.
37th and Spruce Streets
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19104

Lee Harvey Oswald's radio is FBI Exhibit A2. This radio has three push-buttons on top and a volume control next to the buttons and just over the tuning dial. The tuning dial has a set of numbers inside the circle of 800, 100, 1500 and 1800. Outside numbers are 200, 300, 400 and 500. Some of these numbers are visible on the enclosed electrostatic copy of the face of this radio. There is no file of segregated material concerning FBI Exhibit A2. We will make records of the Commission, which are too voluminous for us to examine, available to you in the National Archives to search for material concerning FBI Exhibit A2.

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Commission Document 1269 which includes the two Harper slides, is withheld from research at the request of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. We regret that we did not locate these slides in August 1969 because no copy of CD 1269 was filed under the name of Dr. Harper. No receipt for the slides in CD 1269 has been found in the Warren Commission records.

The balance of your deposit account with us, after the cost of the enclosures was deducted, is \$5.55.

Sincerely,

Mark G. Eckhoff

MARK G. ECKHOFF
Director
Legislative, Judicial, and
Diplomatic Records Division

Enclosures