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Dear H,

Relet 22, just skimmed CDs 1269, 1250 re:Harper frag. I may want to refer to this wierd FBI when I get to that part of M.I. (I'm not on 87). They sure made this hard and went out of their way to avoid the pictures for so long. Without checking my file of what I found in 1966, I believe the Bureau was told immediately and the piece given them immediately. It isn't possible that they didn't ask all questions and if it is, it is worse. Thus I suggest avoidance of what they knew they would have to hide. But when they couldn't avoid, they confiscated. Those blows were not referred to earlier, were they.

Now what is missing in all this is more important than the pix. What is X-rays. Are we to believe that the FBI is so incompetent it didn't have the fragment X-rayed before minute particles could shake out, if they hadn't already? Or that the pathologist didn't think of this in a murder case?

I'm curious why there is no ref to X-rays anywere. Do you suppose the FBI-DC didn't think of this after they got it?

All of this is so suspicious I think there may be more, whether or not we get it.

There is nothing in CD1269 that meets any of the definitions of the exemptions of the law. Have you or did you send me the reason for the withholding, or is it from the basic list? They can't even alleged to protect the wino, not having withheld 1250, which is worse on that. Read me?

I suggest not telling A they gave you 1269 and that you search your own thinking carefully to determine two things: Do you really need these pictures, and do they fit the exemption on invasions of privacy? After you reach your own determination, we can discuss further.

If you do not have the A.G.'s memo on the law, you should study. I can lend you my copy or you can get GPO 25¢.

Is there anything besides the slides in 1269 still withheld?

I don't see that this advances our knowledge except on the character of the inv. Do you feel otherwise?

Thanks for HSRP clip, which I'll read, and the Ramparts ad, which appeared elsewhere first, thank NYT+. Did you note that Lane is not listed? Or any of the others you'd expect?

I've added these docs to my Harper file, if we discuss further, and I'll card now.

Thanks, HW

This is CD 1269 plus related CD 1250,
pertaining to Harper & skull piece.
CD 1269 is still classified on request
of FBI and A slipped it to me
(presumably) by accident. I wrote
you of this before but forgot to
send copies. What should I do to
get A to release rest of 1269,
which includes the 2 color slides?



Commission No. 1250

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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File No.

San Francisco, California
July 10, 1964

DATE OF INTERVIEW AND SPECIAL AGENT
INTERVIEWED

ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
NOVEMBER 22, 1963,
DALLAS, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION
CONCERNING

MRS EVA MCCARTY

On July 7, 1964, Mr. L. S. Binnetti, manager of the apartment house located at 2308 Foothill Boulevard, Oakland, California, advised Special Agent John P. Mc Hugh that Mrs. Rita Mc Carty and her husband, Harry Mc Carty had formerly lived at that address but had moved approximately two months ago, leaving no forwarding address.

Mr. Binnetti described Mr. and Mrs. Mc Carty as "winos" and stated that it had been necessary for him to ask the Mc Cartys to vacate the premises because of their drinking. He added that Rita Mc Carty was a heavier drinker, and more trouble than her husband.

On July 9, 1964, Mrs. Rita Mc Carty, 3718 Allendale Avenue, Oakland, California, was interviewed by Special Agents Wayne K. Welch and John P. Mc Hugh. Mrs. Mc Carty appeared to be under the influence of alcohol at the time of the interview. During the interview she was at times belligerent, incoherent and displayed indications of possible mental instability. She furnished the information set forth below.

She confirmed that she formerly had resided at 2308 Foothill Boulevard, Oakland, California, and that she had written a letter to the Attorney General of the United States mentioning photographs of pieces of skull

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found on the street following the assassination of President Kennedy.

Continuing, Mrs. Mc Carty advised that she had recently accompanied her brother-in-law and sister-in-law to Dallas, Texas, where they stayed briefly at the home of one Paulette (last name unknown), a friend of her sister-in-law. She stated Paulette was then employed as a photographer at the hospital in Dallas where President Kennedy was taken after being shot.

While at Paulette's residence, she overheard Paulette tell her sister-in-law, Mrs. Eva Mc Carty, that she, Paulette, had seen photographs of pieces of skull found on the street following the late President's assassination, which had been brought to the hospital where she was employed and photographed there. Mrs. Rita Mc Carty could furnish no further details regarding these photographs, adding that she had not seen any of them.

During the course of the interview Mrs. Mc Carty volunteered the opinion that President Lyndon B. Johnson was responsible for the assassination of the late President. When questioned as to whether she had any facts on which to base such a statement, she indicated she had none.

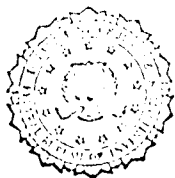
Mrs. Eva Mc Carty, 820 Kellogg Avenue, Hayward, California, furnished the data set forth below on July 9, 1964 to Special Agents Wayne K. Welch and John P. Mc Hugh. Mrs. Mc Carty stated she and her husband took her sister-in-law, Rita Mc Carty, to Dallas, Texas with them in early June, 1964 for a brief visit after extracting from her a promise that she would not touch alcoholic beverages during the course of the trip.

Mrs. Mc Carty advised that while in Dallas, Texas they resided briefly with Paulette Caruthers (phonetic). She noted that Paulette Caruthers is and has for some time been employed as a photographer at the Dallas hospital where President Kennedy died.

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Continuing, Mrs. Mc Carty stated that during the course of their visit to Dallas, Paulette advised her that she had seen photographs of the late President following his arrival at the hospital. Mrs. Mc Carty stated that she could recall nothing being mentioned by Paulette about pieces of skull and could furnish no further information regarding the above-mentioned photographs as she, personally, did not see any of them.

Eva Mc Carty described her sister-in-law, Rita Mc Carty, as a "sot drunk" and stated she is continually doing "crazy things" to "stir things up". She noted that because of her habitual drinking, she would place little credence in any statements made by her sister-in-law, Rita Mc Carty.



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Dallas, Texas
July 14, 1964

Other Individuals and Organizations
Involved or Interviewed

LEE HARVEY OSWALD

By letter dated July 3, 1964, the President's Commission advised that the Attorney General of the United States had received a letter from Mrs. RITA MC CARTY, 2308 Foothill Boulevard, Oakland, California. MC CARTY's letter was of such a nature that she was interested in seeing the Attorney General run for President, and furnished laudatory remarks for the Attorney General and former President KENNEDY. She stated she recently returned from Dallas, Texas, where she had been residing with an individual whose identity she did not furnish but who was allegedly a photographer at the hospital where President KENNEDY was taken following the assassination. MC CARTY indicated this individual had two snapshots of two pieces of skull found on the street following the President's assassination.

On July 9, 1964, RITA MC CARTY was interviewed, at which time she stated she recently accompanied her brother-in-law and sister-in-law to Dallas, Texas, where they stayed briefly with one PAULETTE (last name unknown), a friend of her sister-in-law, who was a photographer at the hospital where President KENNEDY was taken following the assassination. RITA MC CARTY stated she did not observe any photographs taken by this individual, but overheard PAULETTE tell her sister-in-law, Mrs. EVA MC CARTY, that she had seen photographs of pieces of skull found on the street following the President's assassination which were brought to the hospital and photographed.

On July 9, 1964, Mrs. EVA MC CARTY was interviewed at Hayward, California, at which time she identified her friend with whom she resided in Dallas as PAULETTE CARUTEERS (phonetic) and stated she is employed as a photographer at the above-mentioned Dallas hospital.

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On July 10, 1964, a search of the 1964 Dallas City Directory reflected a Mrs. PAULETTE CAROTHERS, 5200 Willis, Dallas, Texas, employed as a Photograph Processor at the Methodist Hospital of Dallas.

On July 10, 1964, THETFORD BOLTON BOONE, D.D., Administrator, Methodist Hospital of Dallas, 301 West Colorado Boulevard, Dallas, Texas, advised that he knew nothing of any bone specimen, allegedly coming from the skull of President KENNEDY, being examined or photographed at the Methodist Hospital of Dallas. He said if this bone specimen was examined at Methodist Hospital of Dallas, it probably would have been examined by A. B. CAIRNS, M.D., Chief Pathologist at Methodist Hospital of Dallas.

He said if this particular bone specimen was photographed at Methodist Hospital of Dallas, it would have been done by one of the two employees in the Medical Photography Department, and they would be M. WAYNE BOLLETER, Chief Medical Photographer, or Mrs. PAULETTE CAROTHERS, Processor in the Medical Photography Department.

On July 10, 1964, M. WAYNE BOLLETER, Chief Medical Photographer, Methodist Hospital of Dallas, 301 West Colorado Boulevard, Dallas, Texas, advised he resides at 4041 Sunvalley Drive, Dallas, Texas, and has home telephone number FR 4-7313.

BOLLETER advised that on Monday, November 25, 1963, Dr. JACK C. HARPER and Dr. A. B. CAIRNS, the Chief Pathologist at Methodist Hospital of Dallas, came to the Medical Photography Department and requested that he take some pictures of a bone specimen.

During the course of taking these pictures, BOLLETER stated Dr. HARPER related that this piece of bone was found by his nephew, BILLY A. HARPER, about twenty-five feet south of the location where President JOHN KENNEDY was assassinated. BOLLETER said, as he recalls it, he took two 35 millimeter color slides of this bone specimen, one slide showing the convex view, and the other slide showing the concave view.

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BOLLETER stated he was commissioned by Dr. HARPER to take these color slides, and when they were returned from processing he gave the color slides to Dr. HARPER.

In addition to these color slides, BOLLETER said he took ten black and white 35 millimeter pictures of this bone specimen. He said he took these as a matter of record and no prints have been made of these black and white pictures. He said that Dr. HARPER has not seen these black and white pictures.

Later, on November 25, 1963, after he had taken the photographs for Dr. HARPER, BOLLETER stated Dr. HARPER again stopped by the Medical Photography Department and told him that he should keep the information about the above-mentioned bone specimen in strictest confidence and he should not tell anyone. BOLLETER said he has not related the above incident to anyone, other than possibly Mrs. PAULETTE CAROTHERS, who is the other medical photographer employed in the Medical Photography Department.

BOLLETER furnished the above-mentioned black and white 35 millimeter film which contains the ten photographs taken of the bone specimen.

BOLLETER requested, on the instructions of THEWTFORD BOLTON BOONE, D.D., Administrator, Methodist Hospital of Dallas, that this film be returned to Dr. BOONE.

On July 10, 1964, Mrs. PAULETTE CAROTHERS advised she has been employed as a Processor in the Medical Photography Department of Methodist Hospital of Dallas, 301 West Colorado, Dallas, Texas, for over five years. She said she resides at 5200 Willis Avenue, Dallas, Texas.

Mrs. CAROTHERS said that sometime in, she believes, December 1963, she learned that a piece of skull bone had been brought to the Methodist Hospital of Dallas and was examined by JACK C. HARPER, M.D., and A. B. CAIRNS, M.D., the Chief Pathologist at the Methodist Hospital of Dallas. Mrs.

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CAROTHERS said this piece of skull bone was found near the site where President KENNEDY was assassinated, and was allegedly a piece of bone from President KENNEDY's skull. Mrs. CAROTHERS stated she learned of this, she believes, from WAYNE BOLLETER, the Chief Medical Photographer at Methodist Hospital of Dallas, who had taken two 35 millimeter color slides of this bone specimen.

Mrs. CAROTHERS said she did not see this bone specimen but saw the two 35 millimeter color slides which were taken by WAYNE BOLLETER.

Mrs. CAROTHERS advised she did not see any hospital photographs of President KENNEDY, and, other than the above two slides, saw only photographs of President KENNEDY that were available to the general public.

Regarding the above-mentioned two 35 millimeter color slides, Mrs. CAROTHERS said she made mention of this to only one person and that was to Mrs. EVA MC CARTY, Hayward, California, who was visiting her in the early part of June 1964. She said that she told Mrs. MC CARTY that she saw a picture of a bone which someone said supposedly came from the skull of President KENNEDY and which piece of bone was found near the assassination site.

Mrs. CAROTHERS advised that Mrs. MC CARTY's sister-in-law, Mrs. RITA MC CARTY, was also visiting her at the same time, and may possibly have overheard her mention the color slides to EVA MC CARTY. Mrs. CAROTHERS said she has not mentioned this to any other person.

On July 10, 1964, A. B. CAIRNS, M.D., 5027 Lahoma, Dallas, Texas, telephone number LA 8-3256, advised he is the Chief Pathologist at Methodist Hospital of Dallas, 301 West Colorado Boulevard, Dallas, Texas.

Dr. CAIRNS advised that on November 25, 1963, he received a telephone call from Dr. JACK C. HARPER, who asked if he would take a look at a piece of bone. Dr. CAIRNS

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stated that Dr. HARPER had informed him that this piece of bone was found by his nephew, BILLY A. HARPER, near the site where President KENNEDY was assassinated.

Dr. CAIRNS advised that he and Dr. HARPER examined the bone at Methodist Hospital of Dallas. Dr. CAIRNS stated the bone specimen looked like it came from the occipital region of the skull. He said he performed no tests on this piece of bone and evaluated it purely from its gross appearance.

Dr. CAIRNS said that after he examined the bone, he went about his own business, after suggesting to Dr. HARPER that he report the matter to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Dr. CAIRNS advised that he does not know if any pictures were taken of this bone specimen, but believes that a week or so after he and Dr. HARPER had examined the bone, Dr. HARPER may have shown him a color slide of the bone specimen.

On July 10, 1964, JACK C. HARPER, M.D., with offices located at 526 East Jefferson, Dallas, Texas, telephone number WH 1-0323, advised he resides at 534 Monssen Drive, Dallas, Texas, telephone number WH 2-2878.

He advised he had been interviewed previously by a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. During the course of this interview, Dr. HARPER stated he advised that his nephew, BILLY A. HARPER, 2378 East Ledbetter, Dallas, Texas, who at that time was a pre-medical student at Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas, had been taking photographs in the area where President KENNEDY was assassinated, and had found a piece of human bone. Dr. HARPER stated his nephew indicated he had found this piece of bone at approximately 5:30 P.M. on November 23, 1963, in the area approximately twenty-five feet south of the site where President KENNEDY was assassinated.

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Dr. HARPER stated his nephew immediately brought the bone to him and he and the Chief Pathologist at Methodist Hospital of Dallas, Dr. A. B. CAIRNS, had examined the piece of bone and both definitely felt that it was a piece of human skull.

Dr. HARPER advised that he felt in view of the proximity of the place where the piece of bone was located, it might possibly be a part of President KENNEDY's skull.

Dr. HARPER advised that after he and Dr. CAIRNS had examined the above piece of bone, he had M. WAYNE BOLLETER, Chief Medical Photographer, Medical Photography Department, Methodist Hospital of Dallas, make two 35 millimeter color slides of this piece of bone, one slide being a photograph of the concave side and the other slide being a photograph of the convex side.

Dr. HARPER stated he would make available these slides to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, but requested that they be returned to him. He said they were then located at his residence and he would telephone his wife and request that she turn the slides over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

On July 10, 1964, Mrs. JACK C. HARPER, 534 Monsson Drive, Dallas, Texas, advised that shortly before the interview, she had received a telephone call from her husband, Dr. JACK C. HARPER, who instructed her to furnish two 35 millimeter color slides to a representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

She said these color slides allegedly depict a concave photograph and a convex photograph of a piece of bone allegedly from the skull of President KENNEDY. She said this piece of bone was found by her nephew, BILLY A. HARPER, near the site where President KENNEDY was assassinated.

Mrs. HARPER furnished these two slides for the use of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and stated her husband requested they be returned to him.

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Previous investigation concerning the foregoing mentioned piece of human bone is reflected on pages 150, 150A and 151 of the report of Special Agent ROBERT P. GEMBERLING dated November 30, 1963, at Dallas, Texas, in instant matter.