



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY  
BUREAU OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20390

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22 Oct 1964

MEMORANDUM

From: Lt. J. H. Herrin, MSC, USN  
Office of the Surgeon General, U. S. Navy

To: Mr. L. D. Hunzeker  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subj: Ltr to RADM E. C. Kenney, MC, USN, Chief Bureau  
of Medicine and Surgery, Dept Navy, from Mr. Wm.  
A. Harper, Box 29715, Texas Christian University,  
Fort Worth, Texas

Ref: (a) TeleCon between Lt. Herrin and Mr. Hunzeker,  
F.B.I., on 22 Oct 1964

Encl: (1) Subject letter

1. As agreed in our phone conversation this date, the enclosed letter is forwarded for appropriate action.

J. H. HERRIN  
Lieutenant, MSC, USN  
Aide to the Surgeon General

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Section 719?

Mr. William A. Harner  
Box 29715 - 500  
Pt. North, Texas

Bureau of Medicine & Surgery  
Chief of Bureau  
Rear Admiral W. L. Finney  
Surgeon General  
Quartermaster A, H&M  
Bethesda, Maryland

Dear Sir:

I am interested in obtaining information and a letter of verification concerning evidence which I found in the triangular mass section between 111 and 112, 113 to 114 Dallas on Nov. 23, 1963.

I volunteered this evidence to the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and it was forwarded to the Naval Ordnance Laboratory there in 1963, where the autopsy of the body of the late President John F. Kennedy was performed.

I was referred to your office by Mr. William A. Harner of the Dallas office of the FBI.

Your immediate attention and reply will be much appreciated. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

*William A. Harner*

William A. Harner

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE  
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20201

REC 22

REFER TO:

OCT 19 1964

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Transmitted herewith is an undated communication, with the initials  
from Mr. William L. Harper, Fort Worth, Texas, which may be of  
interest to your Bureau. There were no enclosures. It is suggested  
for any action you deem appropriate.

Mr. Harper has not been advised of this referral. Under the cir-  
cumstances, the Public Health Service does not consider it necessary  
to acknowledge the receipt of his letter.

Sincerely yours,

Acting Deputy General

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

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ENCLOSURE

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CONFIDENTIAL

William A. Harper  
Box 29715  
Texas Christian Univ.  
Ft. Worth, Texas

Office of the Surgeon General  
Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare  
830 Independence Ave., SW  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

I am interested in obtaining a letter of verification of the authenticity of a piece of evidence which I found in the triangular grass section between Main and Elm Streets in Dallas, Tex., on Nov. 23, 1963.

I volunteered this evidence to the Dallas Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and cooperated with their request to keep this information confidential.

Now that the Warren Commission report has been published and the extent of the wounds of the late President Kennedy have been disclosed, however, I wish to have this letter of verification.

I was referred to your office by Mr. Bill Anderson of the Dallas FBI.

Thank you for your attention and rapid reply.

Very truly yours,  
William A. Harper

WJ:pf

ENCLOSURE

October 29, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

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- 1 - C. D. DeLoach
- 1 - I. W. Conrad
- 1 - W. C. Sullivan (R. E. Lenihan)
- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Shroder
- 1 - Mr. Rogge

Honorable J. Lee Rankin  
 General Counsel  
 The President's Commission  
 200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast  
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Enclosed for your information are two copies each of two self-explanatory letters bearing the name of Mr. William A. Harper of Fort Worth, Texas. One letter was directed to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and the second letter was sent to the Department of the Navy, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. Both communications were referred to this Bureau and are being furnished for whatever action you deem appropriate.

Mr. Harper is the individual who recovered a piece of human bone on November 23, 1963, in the vicinity where the late President John Fitzgerald Kennedy was assassinated. This matter is recorded in the Dallas report of Special Agent Robert P. Gemberling dated November 30, 1963, captioned "Lee Harvey Oswald; Assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy, November 22, 1963, Dallas, Texas," commencing on Page 1:0. Copies of Special Agent Gemberling's report have been previously furnished to you.

For your information, we are advising Mr. Harper that his communications have been referred to you. We are taking no further action in this matter.

2 - Dallas (100-10461) Encs. (4)

Sincerely yours,

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Honorable J. Lee Rankin

NOTE FOR SAC, DALLAS:

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA.  
IS - R - CUBA  
ATTENTION: CRIMINAL SECTION

Enclosed for Dallas are two copies each of the above letters from Harper. You should promptly contact Harper and advise him his letters to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and his letter to the Navy were referred to this Bureau and subsequently turned over to the President's Commission for appropriate action. Harper should be advised that any action in regard to his request will of necessity have to be handled by the Commission or its duly delegated authority who has sole jurisdiction over all evidence developed during this investigation. Should the question arise Harper should be advised that this Bureau does not furnish "letters of verification."

When this matter has been handled the Bureau should be appropriately notified.

NOTE:

Harper is a premedical student at Texas Christian University and while taking pictures on 11-23-63, in the vicinity of the President's assassination found a piece of skull bone which he turned over to us. The bone was examined by our Laboratory and turned over to the late President's physician Admiral George Burkley on 11-27-63. From the medical testimony it appears the skull bone found by Harper was a part of the late President's head. Harper in his letters desired "a letter of verification" for reasons unknown to us but possibly because of the historical significance of his find. Since all evidence in this investigation is in the custody of the President's Commission, it is felt this matter should be referred to the Commission for whatever action they deem appropriate. Once Harper has been advised of the disposition of his letters, no further action appears necessary and none is recommended.