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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This will reply to your letter of June 19, 1970 in which you request a photographic print of a composite picture showing President Kennedy's clothing. As you know, Exhibit 60 is a composite of several photographs showing various articles of the President's clothing. Since there is no single negative of this composite picture, there are attached prints made from three of the four photographic negatives from which the composite picture of Exhibit 60 was prepared. We have previously supplied you with a print of the fourth negative showing the tabs of the President's shirt.

Your letter makes further reference to my letter of June 12, 1970 and argues against the denial of certain testimony previously made by you. In referring to the testimony regarding the spectrographic analyses of certain ballistics evidence involved in the assassination, you state that the testimony was simply that all specimens were of lead, no more. This statement is not true since the testimony as set out in Volume 1, page 74, line 1 of the Warren Commission Report states specifically that the various items were found to be similar in metallic composition.

With respect to the material concerning David William Ferrie you argue that "all the records of the Warren Commission are not in the National Archives." This Department has no information that any of the Ferrie material which the FBI furnished to the Warren Commission was not turned over by that Commission to the National Archives. It is noted that the last sentence of the Foreword to the published Report of the Commission reads: "The Commission is committing all of its reports and working papers to the National Archives, where they can be permanently preserved under the rules and regulations of the National Archives and applicable Federal law." So far as is known by this Department, this was done by the Commission before it went out of existence.

You were previously advised that Commission Exhibit 843 consists of two lead fragments removed from President Kennedy's head at the time of the autopsy. These were the only fragments removed from the President's body and turned over to the FBI. They were described as a "missile" in the receipt furnished Navy authorities by Special Agents Francis X. O'Neil and James W. Sibert.

You have also been advised that the FBI has never had possession or custody of the autopsy photographs. The FBI has never had in its possession any negatives, prints, or copies of photographs taken at the time of the autopsy.

Sincerely,



Richard G. Kleindienst
Deputy Attorney General