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ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

DATE: 5/26/77

1 - Mr. Adams 1 - Mr. Fehl

1 - Mr. Mintz

1 - Mr. Kelleher

1 - Mr. Boynton 1 - Mr. Daly

1 - Mr. Peelman

1 - Mr. Lawn

PURPOSE: To advise that Mr. Robert Keuch, Special Counsel to the Attorney General, has requested the FBI furnish the HSCA with the name and address of the individual who found the metal fragment in the vicinity of the John P. Kennedy assassination site in Dallas so that the HSCA can subpoena this fragment from the contributor.

RECOMMENDATION: That the information requested be furnished to HSCA by the Office of Congressional Affairs.

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DETAILS: Reference is made to the Legal Counsel to Associate Director memorandum dated 5/13/77, captioned as above, which advised that the Attorney General supported the FBI's position in not acceding to the HSCA compromise in conducting a ballistic comparison of the metal fragment with the Oswald test bullets which are in the custody of the Archivist of the United States.

Thereafter, Chairman Stokes, HSCA, was advised by it.
Mr. Keuch that since the situation has remained unresolved since December, 1976, the FBI intends to return the fragment to the contributor as he had requested.

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Peelman to Mr. Fehl Memorandum
Re: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

On 5/25/77, Mr. Keuch telephonically advised that HSCA is prepared to subpoena this fragment from the contributor, (Richard Harold Lester, 1440 Hansboro, Dallas, Texas), and requested his name and address be furnished to HSCA.

The metal fragment will be retained by FBIHQ as requested by the Department until its return is sought by the contributor.

The Dallas Office will be advised by separate communication of the contemplated action by HSCA since the contributor had presented this fragment to FBI Dallas for examination by the FBI alone.

Office of Congressional Affairs has been advised of the action contemplated by HSCA and of the request of the Department that HSCA be advised of the identity of the contributor.