

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION



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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Hyattstown, Maryland 20734

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This is in reply to your letters dated December 26, 1966, and January 2 and 11, 1967, inquiring about various records of the Warren Commission.

We have by now furnished you copies of many of these items. The only report by Special Agents O'Neill and Sibert relating to the autopsy of President Kennedy that we have found is the report of November 26, 1963, with which you are probably familiar. Reports relating to Father McChann are in Commission Document 854 (Secret Service Control No. 1426), CD 945, and CD 1085, page two. Copies of these will be furnished to you if you do not already have copies of them. I understand that the Zapruder camera has been shown to you. We shall be pleased to show you also the test bullets and other bullets or bullet fragments among the records of the Commission. The remaining records referred to in your letter of December 26, 1966, of which copies have not been furnished to you, are not in the National Archives.

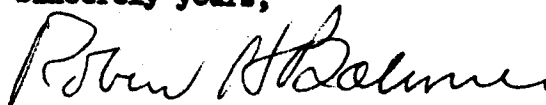
We have found a report of an interview with Malcolm Couch on November 27, 1963, by Special Agents Anderson and Basham (CD 5, page 18), but none by Agents Patterson and Keutzer. Enclosed is a copy of a report of an interview with Thomas Billard by Agent Keutzer. Reports of other interviews with Billard or relating to him are in CD 1317 (by Agent Yelchak on July 21, 1964); CD 1348, page 42; and CD 1395, pages 29-35. Copies of these reports will be furnished to you if you want them. No reports relating to A. J. L'Hoste are filed under his name.

There is a copy of one of the two Moorman pictures in CD 87. Copies of the other Moorman picture, the Betzner pictures, and the Hughes, Couch, and Underwood films are not in the National Archives. It appears from Thomas Dillard's earlier testimony (VI Hearings 196) that he took two pictures of the School Book Depository. No record of the furnishing of a third picture of the Depository to the Commission has been found.

The phrase "referring to telegram," which is in brackets in the published testimony of Mrs. Markham (VII Hearings 506), is typed in brackets in the transcript of ~~her~~ testimony among the records of the Commission. Enclosed is a copy of a letter written by the General Counsel of the Commission which contains a description of Mrs. Kennedy's reference to her husband's wounds in answer to a request similar to your request for a paraphrase of this reference to the wounds.

No original autopsy notes were received by the National Archives with the photographs and x-rays relating to the autopsy of President Kennedy.

Sincerely yours,



Robert H. Bahmer
Archivist of the United States

Enclosures

December 10, 1964

Mr. Marshall Kaufman
413 West 56th Street
New York, New York 10019

Dear Mr. Kaufman:

The reference to President Kennedy's wounds by Mrs. Kennedy was a very brief statement that merely described how bad they looked to her at the moment of impact.

There is ample evidence in the medical testimony, autopsy and testimony of witnesses at the time of the assassination so that this particular statement contributed nothing additional. It was allowed to be removed as a matter of good taste and because it could contribute nothing to the inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

cc: Sen. Jacob K. Javits