

January 21, 1972

Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This is in reply to your letter of January 6, 1972.

I assume that your letter refers to the examination by Dr. John K. Lattimer of the materials transferred to the General Services Administration under the letter agreement of October 29, 1966, between the Administrator of General Services and the Kennedy family representative, Mr. Burke Marshall. That examination took place on January 7, 1972. Dr. Lattimer's application to examine the autopsy X-rays and photographs had previously been approved by Mr. Marshall. We also showed President Kennedy's clothing to Dr. Lattimer because of the approval of his application to examine the autopsy material.

Enclosed is a copy of the regulations relating to the Warren Commission material, which we have revised to provide for showing the clothing to researchers whose applications to examine the autopsy material are approved by the Kennedy family representative.

If you will select a pathologist or any other qualified person and secure the approval of his application by the Kennedy family representative, we shall be pleased to show the autopsy material and the clothing to him. The "memorandum of transfer" was not made available to Dr. Lattimer, nor were any copies of National Archives photographs of the clothing sold to him.

Sincerely,

JAMES B. RHOADS
Archivist of the United States

Enclosure

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meet the needs of the researcher additional photographic views will be made. A charge may be made for unusually difficult or time-consuming photography. Photographs reproduced from existing negatives or prints will be furnished on request for the usual fees. The clothing of President Kennedy will not be shown to private researchers, except those researchers whose applications to examine the X-rays and photographs relating to the autopsy of President Kennedy are approved by the Kennedy family representative. Photographs of the clothing will be shown to other private researchers. No copies or enlargements of photographs of this clothing prepared by the National Archives will be furnished to researchers in order to avoid any possible violation of the provision of the letter agreement between the General Services Administration and the Kennedy family representative dated October 29, 1966 (page 2), in regard to preventing undignified or sensational reproduction of the clothing.

6. One photocopy or photograph of an item of evidence will be furnished without charge to persons presenting proof of prior ownership.

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