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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

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CIA

28 FEB 1969

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Attention: Mr. S.J. Pappich

SUBJECT : Garrison and the Kennedy Assassination  
Dr. John M. Nichols

1. Dr. John Marshall Nichols, a University of Kansas pathologist, has testified at the Clay Shaw trial that "photographic evidence of President Kennedy's assassination was 'compatible' with the theory that the fatal shot was fired from the front."

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4. It is requested that any additional information which you may possess on this subject be provided to this Agency.

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BY LIAISON

Date: March 7, 1969  
To: Director  
Central Intelligence Agency

- 1 - Liaison
- 1 - Mr. B. J. White (7621 JB)
- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. Goble

Attention: Deputy Director, Plans

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS

*b3 Title 50, USC, Section 4039 per CIA*

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Reference is made to your communication dated February 28, 1969, entitled "Garrison and the Kennedy Assassination. Dr. John M. Nichols,"

The files of the FBI contain a number of references to Dr. John M. Nichols, Associate Pathologist, University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, Kansas, pertaining to his interest in the assassination of President Kennedy.

Dr. Nichols has written a number of letters to this Bureau requesting information concerning the assassination. In his letters Dr. Nichols has sought information concerning the tests made on certain items of evidence and has displayed a particular interest in the details of the autopsy of President Kennedy.

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For your information, Dr. Nichols has brought suit against the United States Government for release of information pertaining to the assassination of President Kennedy. The bulk of the information desired by Dr. Nichols from the Government pertains to the autopsy of President Kennedy. The suit is entitled "John Nichols versus United States of America, et al.," and was brought in the United States District Court for the District of Kansas, Civil Number 7-4888.

It should be noted that Dr. Nichols is understood to be preparing a book regarding the assassination of President Kennedy.

In addition to the background information furnished by you in referenced communication concerning Dr. Nichols, the files of this Bureau contain the following information which may be of interest to you. Nichols's wife in 1956 was Norma Mary Hajek Nichols and at that time they resided in Richmond, Virginia. Mrs. Nichols was born [redacted] at Buffalo, New York. Her father, Joseph Hajek, was born November 18, 1885, in Czechoslovakia and came to the United States in 1903 and was naturalized in 1914. Her mother was Mary Christine Hajek, nee Cerny, and was born December 20, 1901, in Czechoslovakia.

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Dr. Nichols was the expert witness for NO DA James C. Garrison in the trial of Clay Shaw. He testified that the fatal bullet which struck President Kennedy was fired from the front, in his opinion. His opinion was based on his study of the Zapruder film. The defense brought out on cross-examination that Dr. Nichols is suing the Federal Government to be permitted to

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examine the photographs of the President to see for himself where the bullet entered the President's body. A well-recognized Army pathologist has confidentially advised Nichols is

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