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Mr. Howard Roffman  
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Dear Mr. Roffman:

This is in reply to your letter of April 28, 1975 concerning the  
examination of the x-rays and photographs relating to the  
autopsy of President Kennedy by the Rockefeller Commission.

The following information is in reply to your questions:

1. The examination was made under the authority of the deed of  
gift of the autopsy materials and clothing by the Kennedy  
family, which provided that the materials may be examined  
by persons authorized to act for a Committee of Congress,  
a Presidential Commission, or any other body authorized by  
the Federal Government having authority to investigate  
matters relating to the assassination of President Kennedy.  
Mr. Bruce Marshall was notified that the proposed examina-  
tion was to be made, and he did not object or specifically  
agree to the examination.

2. The examination occurred on April 10, 1975, for about six  
hours.

3. The Zapruder, Nix, and DeLoach films, the Zapruder stills,  
the bullet (CE 397), and bullet fragments recovered after  
the assassination, the original negative of the Zapruder  
film, the original negative of the Nix film, the original  
negative of the DeLoach film, the original negative of the  
Zapruder x-rays and photographs, Governor Connally's  
jacket, and President Kennedy's clothing were made avail-  
able to the panel. The panel made no requests which were  
refused by my office and made no requests for any materials  
not in the National Archives.

... was examined in the Rockefeller Commission and r...  
... of the autopsy x-rays, and...  
... of the President's clothing...  
... of the deed of gift of the clothing, x-rays, and...  
... and the report of the JCS panel to the Attorney General  
... the autopsy materials.

6. The examination was made pursuant to the deed of gift of the  
... materials. The provision of the deed of gift...  
... determination by Mr. Burke Marshall of the qualifications of  
... those who wish to examine the autopsy materials...  
... to private researchers.
7. No arrangements were made or requested for viewing the...  
... film in slow motion. The film was shown...  
... slow motion. The panel spent about an hour...  
... the Zapruder slides.

No reports or written documents prepared by the panel have been  
furnished to the National Archives.

Sincerely,

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of the United States