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Mr. J.M. Scovitch
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Dear Mr. Scovitch:

This is in response to your letter of February 2, 1992, a Freedom of Information Act request (our reference NN92-393) about records of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy. We received your request from the Department of the Army on May 26, 1992.

The President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy issued a Report with 26 volumes of exhibits and hearings. This publication should be available to you through your local public library. In addition, your library should be able to provide you with secondary publications relating to your interest. The National Archives has issued three microfilm publications (115 rolls) relating to the assassination of President Kennedy.

The autopsy photographs and X-rays of President Kennedy were donated to the National Archives by the Kennedy family by an agreement dated October 29, 1966. This agreement limits access to such materials to (1) persons authorized to act for a Committee of Congress, a Presidential commission, or any other official agency of the Federal government having authority to investigate matters relating to the assassination of President Kennedy and to (2) recognized experts in the field of pathology or related areas of science and technology whose applications are approved by the Kennedy family representative, Mr. Burke Marshall. As the photographs and X-rays you seek are donated historical materials, it is the deed of gift, rather than the FOIA, that governs questions of access.

All documents relating to the autopsy of President Kennedy (Commission Exhibit 397) are available in volume 17 of the Report. In addition our microfilm publication M1289: Key Persons (roll 7) reproduces the autopsy report and attachments. National Archives microfilm publications are available for \$23 per roll from our Publications Division. To order microfilm please return the enclosed NATF Form 72-F with a check or money order, payable to "NATF-NEPS," to the National Archives Trust Fund Board, P.O. Box 100793, Atlanta, GA 30384.

This reply concludes our processing of your request.

Sincerely,

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