

Shaneyfelt and the FBI's scheme to sue me to "stop" me over my allegedly libelous writing about him: these are only the first couple of records I came accross in the early Sections of the Commission's file, 62-109090, in which it is apparent that Shaneyfelt had exactly the responsibility I attributed to him. I have not copied the many others. These and the note will serve as a reference if ever needed. (I lean increasingly toward the view that those phonet internal records were generated for ulterior purposes that may well have included conning Hoover.) BH 9/14/79

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Memorandum

DATE: 1/24/64

FROM : W. D. Griffith

**SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY
DALLAS, TEXAS, 11/22/63
REQUEST BY INVESTIGATING COMMISSION.**

Yesterday afternoon Inspector J. R. Malley relayed to the Laboratory an inquiry from Mr. Howard P. Willens from the Commission investigating the President's assassination concerning the Laboratory's examination of one of the movie films showing the shooting sequence. Mr. Willens had stated that he and some of the attorneys working for the Commission will be viewing the "Zapruder" film Monday and would like to ask some questions of a technical nature concerning the manner in which the film was made originally and concerning our findings as a result of the Laboratory examination. I returned Mr. Willens's call promptly, yesterday afternoon and arranged to make a Laboratory expert available Monday morning as requested. Mr. Willens was most appreciative.

The Zapruder film is the 8 mm home movie color film shot by Abraham Zapruder showing the whole sequence of events up to and including the shooting of the President. Inspector Gauthier's memorandum of 1/23/64 advises that arrangements will be made to show the Zapruder film and another movie of the same nature to the Commission on 1/27/64. When I talked with Mr. Willens yesterday he at first stated he would like to talk to the expert who originally examined this film and who prepared the Laboratory report concerning it. (This was SA Frederick E. Webb and his Laboratory report is dated 12/20/63.) I told him that the expert, SA Webb, is in St. Joseph, Missouri, handling testimony at a trial out there and is not expected to return until sometime next week but if the Commission desired, I would certainly explore the possibility of having him released by the court to handle the Commission's inquiry. Mr. Willens stated this was not necessary since their operations are "substantially more flexible than that of the courts" and they would prefer to wait until SA Webb returned.

I suggested to him we have other experts who possibly could handle any general technical inquiry and I wanted him to know we would be able to make an alternate expert available if he so desired. He stated actually this might solve the problem since at this time the questions they have in mind are rather general.

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I then arranged with Mr. Willens for SA Lyndal L. Shaneyfelt to be present in Room 401, VFW Building, 200 Maryland Avenue, at 9:30 a. m., Monday, 1/27/64. Mr. Willens indicated that this would afford the attorneys who will be viewing the Zapruder film later Monday morning an opportunity to consult with the Laboratory expert prior to viewing the film.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Conrad

DATE: 1/28/64

FROM : W. D. Griffith

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DALLAS, TEXAS, 11/22/63
REQUEST BY INVESTIGATING COMMISSION

Mr. Tolson
Mr. DeLoach
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Mr. Bishop
Mr. Casper
Mr. Callahan
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Mr. Felt
Mr. Gale
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Tele. Room
Mr. Holmes
Miss Gandy

On 1/27 and 28/64, SA Lyndal L. Shaneyfelt met with attorneys at the Commission investigating the President's assassination, as set out in my memorandum to you on 1/24/64. SA Shaneyfelt participated in a conference that included Inspector Gauthier and three of his aids, two Secret Service men and attorneys for the Commission. A thorough review was made of the 8 mm motion picture films taken of the assassination by a Mr. Zapruder and a Mr. Nix in an effort to establish as accurately as possible the location and time intervals between the assassin's three shots. Laboratory examination of the film and camera of Zapruder had established the average camera film speed at 18.3 frames per second and the elapsed time between the first and third shot at approximately 5 to 6 seconds. This interval could not be accurately established because the first shot occurred while the camera view of the President was blocked for about one second by a road sign. SA Shaneyfelt was able to assist members of the Commission in establishing time intervals between frames of the film by use of the known camera speeds.

As a result of this conference, the attorneys for the Commission inquired of SA Shaneyfelt whether or not it would be possible to establish the speed of the car from reference points in the film, as well as distances that the car traveled during these intervals. In addition, they asked whether or not an examination of the Nix camera and film could establish similar distances and car speeds, as well as the location of the Nix camera during the filming which has not been determined. It is not clear just what the accurate determination of the speed of the car will contribute to the case, since it is known that the car was traveling relatively slowly; however, Commission representatives have requested that this be established as accurately as possible. SA Shaneyfelt stated that

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this could be done based on an examination of the films and cameras involved, accompanied by a survey of the actual site in Dallas. They requested that the FBI obtain the Nix camera and make the study of the Nix and Zapruder films as set out above.

RECOMMENDATION: If you agree, Dallas will be requested to obtain the Nix camera and furnish it to the Laboratory for examination and after Laboratory tests have been made to determine the film speed of the camera and the study is completed of the Nix film, SA Shaneyfelt will go to Dallas and make the study requested by the Commission.

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