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No. 71-1026, Weisberg v. U. S. Dept. of Justice

Mr. Hugh E. Kline,
Chief Deputy Clerk
United States Court of Appeals
For the District of Columbia Circuit
Washington, D. C. 20001

Dear Mr. Kline,

Thank you for your letter of July 3, which, unfortunately, did not reach our office until July 12.

As requested, I am enclosing three copies of the relevant pages of the Warren Report and Jesse Curry's JFK Assassination File. The materials enclosed consist of the following:

1. Pages 77, 84-85, 91-95, and 116 of the Warren Report. References to the spectrographic analyses sought by Weisberg are explicitly mentioned at pages 77 and 116 of the Report. In addition, many of the statements made on pages 84-85 and 91-95 either refer back to the spectrographic analyses or contain assertions whose validity is necessarily based on or affected by the findings of the spectrographic analyses.
2. Gallagher Exhibit No. 1, Warren Commission Vol. XX, pp. 1-2. This exhibit, a letter to the Commission from former FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, specifically mentions spectrographic analyses of the President's shirt collar and uses the findings--which apparently indicate that a bullet did not pass through the President's shirt collar and tie--as justification for not conducting the more sensitive neutron activation analyses suggested by the Warren Commission staff.
3. The testimony of FBI ballistics expert Robert A. Frazier in Warren Commission Volume V, pp. 58-74, which contains several references to the spectrographic analyses made by FBI spectrographer John F. Gallagher (who did not himself testify on the spectrographic analyses he performed).

4. The testimony of FBI Agent Shaneyfelt in Warren Commission Volume XV, p. 700, referring to the spectrographic analysis of a piece of curbing.

5. A xerox copy of Commission Exhibit 399, described as "a nearly whole bullet" (Warren Report, p. 84), from which two spectrographic samples were taken.

6. Pages 81 and 90-97 of Jesse Curry's JFK Assassination File, containing reprints of some FBI spectrographic reports made in connection with President Kennedy's assassination.

If we can be of any further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

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