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I think it is possible that Kilty may try to use the discovery records just provided (covering letter stamp dated 5/27, received here 5/30/81) to claim that it is normal practise to destroy spectro plates after a short period of filing.

If as I recall what Sale claimed is so, that they can be destroyed after 30 or 60 days, that not only is not reflected in this material, it is refuted.

While the records do state that after being held in the unit for six months and by the Lab for an additional three years, later extended to five years, and then destroyed, this is on the assumption that they are not needed after the statute of limitations has run. However, it is quite explicit in a number of the records that the plates are preserved until the case is concluded and that it is normal practise for the examiner to take the plates with him when he is to testify. Or, as long as there is need for any testimony, the plates are preserved. It also is apparent that they are preserved in special and ongoing cases, which JFK assassination is.

There's reference to Laboratory Fees, says in records. I believe Kilty testified that the Lab has no files when we deposed him in 1996. Before going into this ask him if he so testified and if the lab has no files.

Until after the deposition I'll have this last batch in the envelope in which I received it, on my desk, in case you need them.