

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. Conrad

DATE: 11/8/66

FROM : R. H. JEVONS

SUBJECT: WARREN COMMISSION EXHIBITS

In my memorandum of 11/3/66, I reported a telephone call from Mr. Marion Johnson of the National Archives and Records Service. He advised of an inquiry from Harold Weisberg, author of "Whitewash: The Report on the Warren Report" concerning information pertaining to spectrographic examinations in our FBI reports. In view of Weisberg's suspected Communist background, it was recommended that Johnson be advised that the FBI could not be of assistance to Weisberg in this matter. The Director noted "O. K. I assume we have given all exhibits & evidence to the Archives as previously directed by A. G."

Pursuant to Bureau approval, Johnson was advised that the FBI could not be of assistance to Weisberg in this matter.

With regard to the Director's comment concerning transfer of evidence and exhibits to Archives, further reference is made to Mr. Rosen's memorandum of 11-7-66 advising of the prior transfer of available material to Archives and the fact that the assassination rifle together with Oswald's pistol and associated holster had been held in Dallas at the Department's instructions pending adjudication of title and pending receipt of the instant authorization for release. The Director instructed that all such items should be transferred to Archives at once.

This is to advise that immediately following initial receipt of Mr. Rosen's memorandum and the Departmental authorization attached thereto for transfer of the remaining items, Laboratory representatives telephonically contacted Mr. Johnson of Archives to arrange for the transfer at the earliest possible date. Johnson subsequently called back to advise that he could receive this material on 11-8-66. Accordingly, the assassination rifle, Oswald's pistol, and its associated holster were personally delivered to Mr. Johnson on 11-8-66, and an appropriate signed receipt was obtained therefor.

ACTION:

Suggested letters to Archives confirming the transfer, and to the Department advising of the action taken are attached for approval.

- Enclosures (2) *11-9-66*
- 1 - Mr. Mohr
 - 1 - Mr. DeLoach
 - 1 - Mr. Rosen (attn. Mr. Malley)
 - 1 - Mr. Wick
 - 1 - W. C. Sullivan (attn. Mr. Lenihan)
 - 1 - Mr. Raupach

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TO : Mr. Rosen *JRM*

DATE: November 3, 1966

FROM : J. R. Malley *JRM*

- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. Malley
- 1 - Mr. Shroder
- 1 - Mr. Raupach
- 1 - Mr. Conrad

SUBJECT: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

Mr. Charles Simms, Office of Legal Counsel, Department of Justice, called today and advised that the legal action pending with respect to the rifle used by Oswald, as well as the revolver used by Oswald in shooting police Officer Tippit, has been disposed of. He advised that in view of this it would now be permissible to transfer the two weapons from the Bureau to National Archives in accordance with previous correspondence with the Department.

Mr. Simms was requested to furnish the Bureau a letter setting forth the action taken relative to this matter and to put a statement in the letter that the Bureau now has the necessary authorization to transfer these weapons to Archives.

ACTION:

(1) In view of the foregoing, when the letter is received from the Department, giving the Bureau the necessary authorization, the Dallas Office should be requested to ship the two guns referred to above, as well as the holster for the Tippit murder weapon, to the Bureau so they can be transferred to Archives.

(2) Upon receipt of the weapons from Dallas the Laboratory, which has handled the transfer of all exhibits to Archives, will make the necessary arrangements for transfer of the weapons to Archives.

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- 1 - Mr. Conrad
- 1 - Mr. R. H. Jevons
(Rm. 7133)
- 1 - Mr. Raupach

TO SAC DALLAS (100-10481)
 FROM DIRECTOR FBI (62-109080)

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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
 NOVEMBER TWENTY-TWO, NINETEEN SIXTY-THREE; DALLAS, TEXAS;
 MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING.

DEPARTMENT HAS ADVISED LITIGATION CONCERNING THE
 ASSASSINATION RIFLE WITH CLIP AND REVOLVER, COMMISSION
 EXHIBIT NUMBERS ONE THREE NINE AND ONE FOUR THREE
 RESPECTIVELY, HAS BEEN TERMINATED AND MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO
 THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES. PREPARE FOR SHIPMENT BY AIR EXPRESS
 THESE ITEMS PLUS THE BROWN LEATHER HOLSTER, COMMISSION
 EXHIBIT NUMBER ONE FOUR FOUR AND SHIP TO REACH THE BUREAU,
 ATTENTION LABORATORY ON NOVEMBER SEVEN NEXT. SUTEL AIRLINE
 FLIGHT NUMBER, ARRIVAL POINT AND TIME SO POSSESSION CAN BE
 TAKEN BY BUREAU PERSONNEL.

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NOTE: The assassination rifle, revolver and holster previously shipped to Dallas on the authority of the Department in connection with the forfeiture proceeding regarding these weapons. By communication dated 11/3/66 the Department advised the litigation concerning these weapons has been terminated and authorized the transfer of these weapons to the National Archives pursuant to Public Law 89-318. By memorandum dated 8/19/66 the AG authorized the transfer to the National Archives all evidence and exhibits that was in possession of the Bureau. All exhibits and evidence have been transferred to the National Archives with the exception of the rifle and revolver and holster. When these items are transferred to the National Archives we will no longer have any of the material obtained during the investigation relating to the assassination of President Kennedy in our possession. See memorandum Rosen to DeLoach dated 11/7/66.

This matter telephonically coordinated with Mr. Roy Jevons of the Laboratory Division on 11/5/66, who advised the Laboratory will make arrangements for receiving these exhibits and subsequent transfer to the National Archives.

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION



National Archives and Records Service

Washington, D.C. 20408

November 9, 1966

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EXP. PROC. 37 NOV 10 1966

Honorable John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th and Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest
Washington, D. C. 20535.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 1, 1966, transmitting certain evidence and exhibits relating to the investigation by the Warren Commission of the Assassination of President Kennedy.

We found the evidence exactly as described in the enclosure to your letter.

Sincerely yours,

Handwritten signature: Robert H. Bahmer

Robert H. Bahmer
Archivist of the United States

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Keep Freedom in Your Future With U.S. Savings Bonds

1-Mr. Mohr
1-Mr. DeLoach
1-Mr. Rosen, Att: Mr. Malley
1-Mr. Sullivan, Att: Mr. Lenihan
November 9, 1966

1-Mr. Wick
1-Mr. Raupach
1-Mr. Conrad
1-Mr. Frazier, 7410
1-Office, 7133

Dr. Robert H. Bahmer
Archivist of the United States
National Archives and Records Service
National Archives Building
Washington, D. C. 20408

Dear Dr. Bahmer:

Reference is made to my letter dated September 14, 1966, advising that Lee Harvey Oswald's rifle (Commission Exhibit 139), a revolver (Commission Exhibit 143) and holster (Commission Exhibit 144) were in the possession of the FBI and would be transferred to the National Archives and Records Service when litigation was terminated or when title to these items was vested pursuant to Public Law 89-318.

The litigation has now been terminated and these items were turned over to Mr. Marion M. Johnson of your office on November 8, 1966.

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Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Department of Justice memo to the Director dated 11/3/66 advised litigation has been terminated and Oswald's rifle and the revolver (which were returned from Dallas on 11/5/66) are to be turned over to Archives. Receipt for these items along with the associated holster, is attached. Based on memorandum Jevons to Conrad 11/8/66 re "Warren Commission Exhibits

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Property of Lee Harvey Oswald
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National Archives
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I hereby acknowledge receipt of a Mannlicher-Carcano rifle, Serial Number C2766, designated as Commission Exhibit No. 139, a revolver, Serial Number V510,210, designated as Commission Exhibit No. 143, and brown leather holster for revolver designated as Commission Exhibit No 144.

November 8, 1966
Date

Martin H. Johnson
Signature