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# Family Yields Death Photos Of Kennedy

## *Autopsy X-Rays Included; Public Display Prohibited*

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WASHINGTON — The family of John F. Kennedy, acting reluctantly at the Justice Department's request, has turned over autopsy pictures of the murdered President to be kept forever in the National Archives.

But the family imposed strict conditions, including a permanent ban on publication or display of the gruesome photo, in an agreement with the Federal government.

It did authorize Federal government investigating agencies, including congressional committees, to examine the 14 X-rays, 25 black-and-white negatives and 26 color slides.

The family also presented the late President's bullet-ripped coat and shirt to the archives under a similar agreement forbidding their display.

### EVIDENCE SEIZED

In a related move, acting Attorney General Ramsey Clark ordered the seizures of thousands of items of evidence surrounding the assassination for permanent safekeeping in the archives.

Justice Department officials said both actions were taken partly to offset mounting criticism of the Warren Commission's finding that Lee Harvey Oswald, acting alone, shot the former chief executive from ambush.

The transfer of the autopsy pictures took place yesterday and two Navy doctors who conducted the postmortem examination confirmed the authenticity of the Kennedy X-rays and negatives.

They were accepted under an agreement signed on behalf of the President's widow and his two brothers — Senators Robert F. and Edward M. Kennedy.

### MYSTERY

The mystery concerning the whereabouts of the autopsy photos — made an issue in recent books critical of the Warren report — was not fully resolved.

A spokesman for the Justice Department said he did not know how the Kennedys obtained the photos from the Bethesda Naval Hospital.

The report itself indicated they were last in the hands of the Secret Service but that agency said it had turned over evidence on the assassination to the archives or representatives of the Kennedy family.

A Justice Department spokesman said, the photos do not show anything different from the testimony presented to the seven-man panel named by President Johnson to investigate the slaying.

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