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WASHINGTON, Nov. 2 (AP)- The National Archives reported today it already has received several inquiries about the possibility of viewing a mass of material it holds concerning the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

It was only yesterday that the extent of the collection was made public.

Dr. James B. Rhoads, deputy archivist, told a reporter that while ~~and~~ he has had several telephone inquiries, he has received no written requests to view the x-rays ~~and~~ or photographs of the autopsy performed on the late president.

The archives acquired 65 x-rays and photographic negatives plus several prints yesterday from the Kennedy family which had been holding them since shortly after the President was assassinated in 1963.

The archives also received yesterday from the Justice Department all of the evidence in the government's possession which had been used by the Warren Commission in investigating the assassination.

The gift of the autopsy photographs by the Kennedy family is subject to stringent restrictions under which it is practically impossible for anyone other than government investigative units to see the pictures for at least five years.

During this time, only the Kennedy family has the power to decide who sees the photographs. After the initial five years, the provisions of the Kennedy family agreement allow only pathologists and persons in related sciences to view the photographs -- again only with family permission.

The remainder of the assassination evidence will eventually be made available to scholars and other persons studying the assassination.

The archives plans to put none of the material on public display.

Rhoads said "we're going to have to have a little time to go through this material and to decide what the most effective procedure will be. So it is not our plan, for the next few weeks, to open this material up to anybody."

In order to see the autopsy photographs, requests must be made in writing to Dr. Robert H. Bahmer, archivist of the United States, National Archives Building, Washington, D.C. 20408;

Requests must state the qualifications that the applicant has for using material of this nature and must contain, in as much detail as possible, the ~~the~~ reason for seeing it, Rhoads said.

The letter then is relayed by the archives to a representative of the Kennedy family.

Among the exhibits obtained yesterday by the archives from the Justice Department were the rifle that the Warren Commission said was used to kill the ^rresident and the pistol that Lee Harvey Oswald is said to have used to kill Dallas police officer J.D. Tippitt. The Warren Commission named Oswald as the assassin of ^rresident Kennedy.

The archives also holds the suit Kennedy wore when he was shot.

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