

February 25, 1967

Mr. Barefoot Sanders
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Division
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Sanders:

There is forwarded herewith the statement requested from the Secret Service concerning the custody of the photographs of the autopsy performed on the late President Kennedy.

Very truly yours,

James J. Rowley

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STATEMENT

(2) In or about November 27, Bouck handed the photographic films. The undersigned have been requested to furnish a statement as to the custody of the x-rays and films taken during the autopsy on the body of the late President John F. Kennedy on the night of November 22, 1963, to the photographic film to the U. S. Navy. The Assistant Special Agent in Charge Roy H. Kellerman of the Atlantic Secret Service was present during the autopsy, and upon its conclusion received from Captain J. H. Stover, Jr., Commanding Officer, United States Naval Medical School, the total amount of photographic film exposed. During the processing and development, at the same time, Commander John H. Ebersole, United States Navy, Acting Chief of Radiology, U. S. Naval Hospital, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland, delivered to Kellerman all the x-ray film which had been exposed, at about 2:00 P.M.

From the night of November 22, 1963 until April 26, 1965, these x-ray and photographic films were in the custody and the possession of the United States Secret Service at all times, which custody and possession was maintained as follows: Executive Offices Building. During the early morning hours of November 23, 1963, Kellerman delivered the films to Robert T. Bouck, U. S. Secret Service, at the Executive Offices Building, Washington, D. C. by Fax in the Secret Service photographic laboratory. In or about December 9, 1963, at the direction of Mr. Bouck, Fax took

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(2) On or about November 27, Bouck handed the photographic film to James K. Fox, U. S. Secret Service, and instructed Fox to copy and preserve while enlarged color prints were made. All the take the photographic film to the U. S. Navy Photographic Laboratory and print was delivered to Bouck by Fox about tory.

(3) Fox took the photographic film to the U. S. Navy Photographic Laboratory on or about November 27, 1963. The black and white film was processed, black and white negatives were developed, and color positives were made from the colored film.

The processing and development was done by Lt. V. Madonia, U. S. Navy, at the laboratory. During the processing and development, Fox remained with the photographic film at the laboratory and at the conclusion of the processing and development, all the photographic film which Fox had received from Bouck was returned by Fox to Bouck on or about November 27, 1963 at about 2:00 p.m.

(4) Bouck and Edith Duncan, Administrative Assistant, U. S. Secret Service, placed the processed photographic film and the x-ray film in a combination lock-safe-file in the Protective Research Section of the Secret Service at the Executive Offices Building, Washington, D. C., the combination of the safe being known to only two persons, Bouck and Duncan.

(5) A few days later, black and white prints were made by Fox in the Secret Service photographic laboratory. On or about December 9, 1963, at the direction of Mr. Bouck, Fox took

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the colored positives back to the U. S. Navy Photographic Laboratory and observed while enlarged color prints were made. All the color positives and prints were delivered to Bouck by Fox about 6:00 p.m. that same evening, at which time they were returned to the locked safe.

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(6) On or about April 26, 1965, the Secret Service received from Vice Admiral George G. Burkley, physician to the President, a letter from Senator Robert F. Kennedy, dated April 22, 1965, to Admiral Burkley, which letter requested Admiral Burkley to release the material in the custody of the Secret Service and deliver it to Mrs. Evelyn Lincoln at the National Archives.

(7) On April 26, 1965, Admiral Burkley, Bouck and other Secret Service personnel inventoried the material in the possession of the Secret Service, including the x-ray and photographic items mentioned hereinabove, and thereafter delivered all of said material, with a copy of the inventory, to Mrs. Lincoln at the National Archives at 8th and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. The transfer to Mrs. Lincoln was set forth in a letter, dated April 26, 1965, from Admiral Burkley to Mrs. Lincoln, witnessed by Bouck, Duncan and Chester Miller of the Secret Service.

All of the x-ray and photographic films received by Mr. Kellerman on the night of November 22, 1963, and all the prints

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made from the photographic film were transferred to Mrs. Lincoln
on April 26, 1965, and have been requested to furnish a statement
of the custody of the X-rays and film taken during the autopsy

of the late President J. Roy H. Kellerman on the part of
2-17-67 (Date) Roy H. Kellerman
/ Roy. H. Kellerman

2-20-67 (Date) Robert I. Bouck
- Secret (Date) Robert I. Bouck

2-21-67 (Date) Edith E. Duncan
- Secret (Date) Edith E. Duncan

2-23-67 (Date) James K. Fox
- Secret (Date) James K. Fox

2-17-67 (Date) Thomas J. Kelley
- Secret (Date) Thomas J. Kelley

and the X-ray film which has been exposed.

From the night of November 22, 1963 until April 26, 1965,
these X-ray and photographic films were in the custody and
possession of the Medical Service Reserve at all times, which
custody and possession was maintained by various members of the

(1) During the early morning hours of November 23, 1963,
Kellerman delivered the film to Robert I. Bouck, U. S. Secret
Service, at the Executive Offices Building, Washington, D. C.

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