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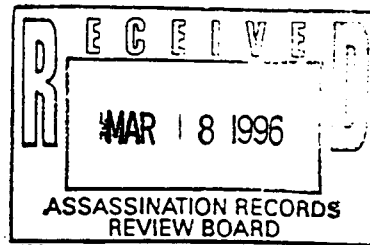


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March 15, 1996

Doug Horne
Assassination Records Review Board
600 E Street, NW, 2nd Floor
Washington, DC 20530



Dear Mr. Horne:

This is in response to your request for a copy of our most current inventory of the Kennedy autopsy x-rays and photographs.

I am enclosing a copy of the inventory of the original autopsy materials received from the Kennedy family and the autopsy materials among the records of the House Select Committee on Assassinations. This inventory was made after the transfer of the materials to College Park.

I am sending a copy of this letter and the inventory by facsimile, the original will follow by mail.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steven D. Tilley".

STEVEN D. TILLEY
JFK Liaison
Textual Reference Division

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Date : January 19, 1996

Reply to
Ann of : David G. Paynter, NNR-A

Subject : Annual inspection of Kennedy autopsy materials

To : NN

We examined: 1) the original autopsy materials and the House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) copies housed with them on April 17, 1995; and 2) the HSCA copies on January 3, 1996. Number One includes the original autopsy x-rays and photographs of President Kennedy and enhancements of autopsy x-rays and photographs made for the HSCA. Number Two includes photographs, x-rays, and negatives which were reproduced for the HSCA from the autopsy x-rays and photographs noted in Number One, above; negatives and x-rays of John Connally; and other records which were maintained by the HSCA.

We found all the material on the lists to be present except that there are 26 color transparencies in Item 6 of the original materials instead of the 27 indicated in Appendix B of the agreement with the Kennedy family. The autopsy doctors also found that there were 26 transparencies when they inspected the materials on November 1, 1966, there being no transparency 49 (see page 9 of their report). We found that there were two unexposed pieces of color film rather than the one listed in Item 6 of Appendix B, as did the autopsy doctors in 1966 (see page 10 of their report). We were unable to locate the three pieces of 4x5 waste film described in Item 1k of the HSCA enhancements.

The following materials have been added to the autopsy materials by the National Archives since it was received by the Kennedy family in 1966: 1) seven 8x10 black and white prints made from the seven negatives listed in Item 2 of Appendix B, and; 2) fourteen reference copies made from the fourteen x-ray negatives listed in Item 5 of Appendix B. These materials are also present.

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Due to disruptions caused by the move to Archives II, these inspections (in 1995 and 1996) will be combined and will satisfy the requirement for the 1995 and 1996 annual inspections. The annual inspection of all the materials will resume in 1997.

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**Original Warren Commission Autopsy Materials
Appendix B of the Kennedy Family Agreement**

- 1) Envelopes numbered 1 to 18 containing black and white negatives of photographs taken at the time of autopsy. *18 total* ☒
- 2) Seven envelopes contain 4x5 negatives of autopsy material. *7 total* ☒
- 3) Five envelopes containing 4x5 exposed film with no image. *5 total* ☒
- 4) One piece of exposed film from a color camera entirely black with no image apparent. *1 total* ☒
- 5) Envelope containing all negatives and prints pertaining to x-rays that were taken at the autopsy.
 - a) Eight x-ray negatives, 14x17. *8 total* ☒
 - b) Six x-ray negatives, 10x12. *6 total* ☒
 - c) Twelve black and white prints, 11x14. *12 total* ☒
 - d) Seventeen black and white prints, 14x17. *17 total* ☒
 - e) Also included are fourteen duplicate copies of x-rays. *14 total* ☒
- 6)
 - a) Forty-three 8x10 black and white prints of autopsy photographs (original Appendix B lists 36 black and white prints. This total includes seven prints of the brain made by the National Archives.) *43 total* ☒
 - b) Thirty-seven 3½x4½ black and white prints of autopsy photographs. *37 total* ☒
 - c) Twenty-six 4x5 color positive transparencies (original Appendix B lists 27 color transparencies.) *26 total* ☒
 - d) Two unexposed pieces of color film (original Appendix B lists one piece.) *2 total* ☒
- 7)
 - a) Twenty-seven 4x5 color negatives of autopsy photographs. *27 total* ☒
 - b) Fifty-five 8x10 color prints of autopsy photographs. *55 total* ☒

Material created for use by the House Select Committee on Assassinations and left in the custody of the National Archives while the Committee conducted its investigation

1) Material prepared by the Aerospace Corporation, El Segundo, CA.

- a) Seven 4x5 black and white negatives and four 8x10 black and white prints made from Navy medical corpsman's exposure film. 11 total ☒
- b) (i) [Old folder 1 O] Three color polaroids relating to the autopsy and seventeen black and white polaroids, twelve relating to the autopsy and five relating to the x-rays. 20 total ☒

(ii) [Old folder 1N] Five color and six black and white polaroids relating to the autopsy and one color and eight black and white polaroids relating to other topics. 20 total ☒

(iii) [Old folder 1 C] Two color polaroids relating to the autopsy. 2 total ☒

(iv) [Old folder 1 M] Six black and white polaroids, four relating to the autopsy and 2 relating to x-rays. 6 total ☒
- c) Three 8x10 copies of x-ray films and five 4x5 black and white negatives of autopsy photographs. 8 total ☒
- d) Two plastic wrappers containing fifteen "enhanced Dicommed frames" (films of autopsy x-rays) 15 total ☒
- e) Sixteen enhanced 8x10 x-ray transparencies. 16 total ☒
- f) Three enhanced color transparencies of autopsy photograph No. 44 (two on same sheet, c. 1 3/4" x 1 3/4"). 3 total ☒
- g) Eight 8x10 copies of x-ray films. 8 total ☒
- h) Four 11x14 black and white copies of autopsy photographs. 4 total ☒
- i) Twenty-one 8x10 black and white computer scan prints of autopsy x-rays. 21 total ☒
- j) Four color and fourteen black and white 2x2 photographic slides of autopsy photographs and eleven of x-rays. One folder containing broken glass from a photographic slide is also included in RG 233, box 1. 29 total ☒
- k) Three envelopes containing waste photographic paper. 3 total ☒

1) Thirteen computer tapes of autopsy material have been transferred to the Center for Electronic Records. *13 total* ☒

2. Material prepared at Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY.

a) Forty-one "good" enhanced 8x10 prints of color autopsy photographs. *41 total* ☒

b) Nineteen "reject" 8x10 copies of color autopsy photographs. *19 total* ☒

c) Thirty 4x5 copies of color autopsy transparencies and cut-up scraps of others. *30 total* ☒

d) Ten "good" 4x5 color negatives of autopsy photographs. *10 total* ☒

e) Thirty "reject" 4x5 color negatives of autopsy photographs. *30 total* ☒

f) Five 8x10 plastic sheets bearing "stereo pairs" of copies of color autopsy transparencies. *5 total* ☒

3. Material prepared by Bara Photographic, Inc., Hyattsville, MD.

a) Two 8x10 color prints of autopsy photographs. *2 total* ☒

b) Three 4x5 color transparencies of autopsy photographs. *3 total* ☒

c) Roll of apparently blank black and white film. ☒

RG 200

(Safe Diebold NARA 006467)

Material created for use by the House Select Committee on Assassinations and maintained in the custody of the House Select Committee on Assassinations during its investigation

I. "JFK Photos (Library of Congress) Book I--#2271" {1/8"}

8x10 black and white prints (Fourteen prints total):

Numbers 1-10;

Number 11 was removed 2/13/79 by Mark Flanagan for GPO printing (Harper fragment)];

Numbers 12-14;

Number 15 was removed 2/13/79 by Mark Flanagan for GPO printing (Harper fragment)];

Number 16

14 total

II. "JFK Exhibits 9/7/78" {1/8"}

8x10 black and white prints (Five prints total):

F-21

F-3

F-4A

F-4B

F-5

(Formerly contained in HSCA manila envelope) 5 total

III. Books I, II, III, IV, V, VI, and VII {15"}

Each "book" which consists of Parts 1 and 2, contains 115 photographic prints (except Book VII, where print 27G is missing). The prints are identical in each of the seven books. (Formerly contained in 14 black three-ring binders).

115 total per book, except Book VII which contains 114

IV. "Roll 1-3 prints & negatives & extra prints--Items 5, 6, & 7 {SUI-G}.

Kodak materials. Forty-two prints, thirty-one negative strips total. Prints are arranged between sheets of yellow legal paper labeled with print numbers. A folder of torn-up Kodak prints is labeled item 7. *42 prints, 31 negative strips total* ☑

(Formerly contained in a brown accordion folder with an elastic cord. NSCA placed all these materials in a single flat box.)

V. "Grodan negatives--Item 8" {1/4"}

One roll of black and white 35mm film in strip form. Thirty-two exposures, with leader on each end. *1 roll with 32 exposures total* ☑

(Formerly contained in an HSCA manila envelope.)

VI. "#2270" [Otherwise unlabeled] {1/4"}

- Black and white 8x10 prints (twelve prints total). On the back of each print:
- "Enlargements of black and white negatives dated 9/14/77, re. Mark Flanagan, Jr., Select Committee on Assassinations." These appear to match from Grodan negatives (Number V above):

No. 12 (2 prints)
No. 13 (3 prints)
No. 14 (1 print)
No. 15 (4 prints)
No. 16 (2 prints)

12 total ☑

VII. "Grodan's prints--Item 10" {1/4"}

8x10 black and white prints (eight prints total):

No. 29 (2 prints)
No. 42 (1 small contact print, 1 enlargement, and 2 prints of more extreme enlargement)
No. 43 (2 prints)

8 total ☑

(Formerly contained in an HSCA manila envelope.)

VIII. "Item 11 on List" {SUI-G}

Five 8x10 glossy black and white prints, otherwise unidentified. (3 different prints of back wound and 2 duplicate prints of neck wound.) *5 total* ☒

(Formerly contained in a Bara Photographic, Inc. manila envelope.)

IX. "Item 11--Negatives" {Boxed with No. VIII}

Seventeen black and white 8x10 negatives. *17 total* ☒

Formerly contained in a Bara Photographic, Inc. manila envelope.)

X. "Items 11" {Boxed with No. VIII}

Seventeen 8x10 negatives and one print as follows:

Unlabeled "printed"
Unlabeled "printed"
Connally wrist
Connally chest, Fig. 35
Connally chest (2 negatives)
Connally (thigh?)
C-TH-Log ----
Kennedy not enhanced
Kennedy upper chest
JFK 3 fgmts
Anterior-posterior x-ray JFK autopsy skull
Lateral x-ray JFK autopsy skull
JFK pre-skull (1 8x10 black and white print, 1 negative)
Unlabeled "printed"
Unlabeled
Unlabeled "printed"

17 negatives & 1 print ☒

(Formerly individually housed in Bara Photographic, Inc., negative sleeves. NSCA staff placed all of these materials in a single flat box.)

XI. "Item 12--Parker--Miscellaneous test sheets--12/20/77"

Nine x-rays. *9 total* ☒

Still housed in one oversized brown "Profexray Division of Litton Industries" envelope.)

- XII. "Item 13--12/20/77--Enhancements: White bone (1 of each film listed below) and Black bone (1 of each film listed below)--Archive #1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10, JFK--Plus test sheets (9)."

No. 1 (2 skull x-rays, 1 positive and 1 negative)
No. 2 (2 skull x-rays, 1 positive and 1 negative)
No. 3 (2 skull x-rays, 1 positive and 1 negative)
No. 8 (2 rib cage x-rays, 1 positive and 1 negative)
No. 9 (2 rib cage x-rays, 1 positive and 1 negative)
No. 10 (2 rib cage x-rays, 1 positive and 1 negative)

12 total ☐

(Still housed in one oversized brown "X-ray film--Do not bend (Picker)" envelope.)

- XIII. "Item 14"

John Connally x-rays, fourteen total:

Chest, white bone, black bone, 2 x-rays
Post-op wrist, white bone, black bone, 2 x-rays
Thigh, white bone, black bone, 4 x-rays
Thigh, 1 x-ray
Pre-op wrist, white bone, black bone, 2 x-rays
Thigh, white bone, black bone, 2 x-rays
Thoracic, 1 x-ray

14 total ☐

Still housed in 5 oversized white "X-ray films--Please do not fold (General Electric)" envelopes PLUS one oversized brown Picker envelope PLUS unhoused x-rays.

- XIV. "Dr. Lowell Levine's x-ray prints--Item 6a" {1½"}

All are dental prints. NSCA count on 5/26/92 indicated fourteen flat finish and sixty-eight glossy finish prints. A 1979 Clarence Lyons (NARA) note indicates 14 flat finish and 72 glossy finish prints (see Item XV below for the four remaining glossy finish prints.) 82 total ☐

(Formerly housed in an HSCA manila envelope. NSCA staff placed these materials in two folders.)

XV. "Dr. Lowell Levine's plan for exhibit" {1/8"}

Folded oversized display containing four black and white 8x10 glossy prints of dental x-rays. *4 total* ☐

XVI. "Item C" {In box with X-XIII}

Two x-rays of skull (Fred Beier)

Two x-rays, one of skull and one of rib cage (David Johnson)

Eight x-rays (George Albert)

12 total ☐

(Still housed in 3 oversized Bellevue Hospital envelopes with the above names)

XVII. "Burn Photos" {1 legal redwell}

· Torn pieces of photographs in folder. ☐

(Still housed in a brown accordion folder with an elastic cord.)