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Subject: Location of Gov. Connally's clothing

Pursuant to a conversation I had with Tom a few minutes ago, I am passing on what relevant information I have on the disposition/whereabouts of Gov. Connally's clothing. I dug most of this up for Anne Buttmer last August in the course of working on a memo on "Connally Medical Records and the HSCA." (Freeman e:\wp-docs\091095. Files 4.21.2.6 and 4.0.2 Connally, John). Sometime after the FBI/Warren Commission finished with the Governor's clothing, it was placed at the Texas State Library/Archives in Austin, Texas (the Texas State Archives, organizationally speaking, seems to be a sub-unit of the Texas State Library). The HSCA issued a subpoena for the clothing and, pursuant to the subpoena, secured possession of the articles on 7/18/77. There is a receipt in the HSCA files for this transaction (HSCA file 001820, record number 180-10099-10050) signed on behalf of the HSCA by Andy Purdy and John Moriarty and signed on behalf of the Texas State Archives by its Director, David B. Gracy II. The materials transferred were listed as "coat, pants, arrow shirt, diagonally striped tie." (Apparently listed in the Texas State Archives files as "Relic 13, accession number 63/96"). While in the HSCA's possession, the clothes were kept in the Committee's "Security Room." Almost a year after the Committee secured the clothes (6/21/78), David Gracy wrote Purdy wondering when the clothes might be returned (HSCA record number 180-10078-10453, Agency file 009402). In this letter, Gracy notes that "we are responsible for the suit's permanent preservation for future generations of researchers." Purdy subsequently responded (I don't have a citation handy), indicating the Committee needed the items for a while longer. I never found a receipt or letter of transmission documenting the return of the clothing items to the Texas State Archives, but it's probably safe to assume they were eventually returned to Mr. Gracy in Austin. If you need/want more than this, let me know.

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