

April 23, 1996

Mr. Robert L. Pritchett
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Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms
Room 8290
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Re: Request for Additional Information and Records ATF-3 (Dealey Plaza)

Dear Mr. Pritchett:

In our review of assassination records identified by other Government agencies, we have found several references to the investigative assistance provided by Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit agents in Dealey Plaza immediately after the shooting of President Kennedy and Governor Connally.

For example, two Dallas police officers identified "Mr. Ellsworth and another officer from Alcohol Tax Department" as present in the Texas School Book Depository Building when the rifle was found the day of the assassination. *See Report on Officer's Duties in Regards to the President's Murder*, published as Sims Exhibit A at Warren Commission Volume XXI, 510, 512. Indeed, in a memorandum dated January 14, 1964, Carl R. Booth, Jr., Supervisor in Charge of the Dallas Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit, advised Forrest Sorrels, Special Agent in Charge of the Dallas Secret Service, that Agent Frank Ellsworth and seven other ATTU employees participated in searches, crowd control, and other law-enforcement functions in Dealey Plaza on November 22, 1963. Copies of these documents are enclosed.

In view of this documentation, the ARRB requests that the ATF conduct a search of Headquarters and Dallas records specifically for assassination records related to the actions of the eight ATTU employees identified in the January 14, 1964 memorandum, and of any other ATTU personnel, in or around Dealey Plaza on November 22, 1963.

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If you have any questions about this request, please contact Dennis Quinn or Phil Golrick of my staff.
Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

David G. Marwell
Executive Director

Enclosures

cc (w/o encl.): Connie Drew, Treasury Department