

April 23, 1996

Mr. Robert L. Pritchett  
Disclosure Officer  
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms  
Room 8290  
600 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20226

Re: Request for Additional Information and Records ATF-4 (Frank Ellsworth)

Dear Mr. Pritchett:

On several occasions, official investigations of the assassination of President Kennedy contacted Frank Ellsworth, an agent of the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit and later of the ATF.

In April 1964, a Warren Commission staff member interviewed Mr. Ellsworth regarding gun-running and other possible activities of anti-Castro and right-wing groups in the Dallas area. *See* Warren Commission memorandum from Burt Griffin to W. David Slawson dated April 16, 1964. After two informal interviews with Mr. Ellsworth in October 1977 and March 1978, the staff of the House Select Committee on Assassinations sought permission from the ATF to depose Mr. Ellsworth. *See* HSCA Outside Contact Report dated October 20, 1977 (HSCA file number 003128); HSCA Outside Contact Report dated March 13, 1978 (HSCA file number 006292); letter from James L. Wolf, Deputy Chief Counsel, HSCA, to John G. Krogman, Acting Director, ATF, dated July 21, 1978 (HSCA file number 010118). This deposition went forward in Tyler, Texas, with two other ATF officials in attendance, on July 25, 1978. *See* HSCA Deposition of Frank Ellsworth dated July 25, 1978, p. 1 (HSCA file number 010903). Copies of these documents are enclosed.

In view of Mr. Ellsworth's (and, through him, the ATF's) involvement with these investigations of the assassination, the ARRB requests that the ATF conduct a search of Headquarters (including, but not limited to, the offices of the Chief Counsel and the Assistant Director for Congressional and Media Affairs, and their predecessors), Dallas, and Tyler, Texas records specifically for assassination records related to Mr. Ellsworth's contacts with the Warren Commission, the HSCA or any other inquiry into the assassination of President Kennedy.

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

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Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

David G. Marwell  
Executive Director

Enclosures

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