

November 12, 1996

Ms. Lois Dillard
Records Management Officer
Dallas County Administrative Services
509 Main Street, 6th Floor, Room 608
Dallas, Texas 75202

Dear Ms. Dillard:

I am writing you on behalf of the Assassination Records Review Board, an independent Federal Agency established pursuant to the President John F. Kennedy Assassination Records Collection Act, 44 U.S.C. § 2107 (Supp. V 1994). The Review Board, whose members are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate, is charged with the responsibility of collecting records and information related to the assassination of President Kennedy. The Review Board is not seeking to reach any conclusions regarding the assassination, but is primarily concerned with identifying, clarifying, locating, and making available assassination records. I am enclosing some explanatory material about the Review Board and its mandate.

Ms. Cindy Smolovik of the Dallas City Secretary's Records Office has informed the Review Board that you are the official the Review Board should contact regarding any questions we may have about the activities of Dallas County deputy constable Seymour Weitzman from November, 1963, pertaining to the assassination of President Kennedy. For this reason, we are referring to you our questions regarding a bone fragment apparently found on Elm Street the day of the assassination by someone named David Burros (or Burroughs), and turned over to Dallas County deputy constable Seymour Weitzman. Weitzman, in turn, gave it to a Secret Service agent, and the Secret Service then transferred it to Washington, D.C. and gave it to Presidential physician George G. Burkley on November 27, 1963. The two documents supporting the above reconstruction of events are enclosed with this letter.

The fragment has been missing for years; we are now pursuing contemporaneous records that might have recorded details of this event. For this reason, we would like to ask you to research the Dallas County archives from 1963 for documents which may provide answers to the following questions:

-Were there any law enforcement reports filed by either deputy constable Seymour Weitzman, or the Dallas County Sheriff's Office, regarding this event?

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-Were there any citizen affidavits or statements filed regarding finding a bone fragment in Elm street on the day of the assassination, in particular by a David Burros or David Burroughs?

-Was this bone fragment photographed?

-Was this fragment x-rayed?

-Is there any record of exactly when deputy constable Weitzman transferred the fragment to the Secret Service, or of the name of the Secret Service official to whom he gave it?

I would like to thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter, inasmuch as assisting the Review Board in this matter might entail some effort on your part. Any records of any kind that you can find which would bear on this matter would doubtless assist us in our efforts to complete, and to clarify, the historical record of President Kennedy's assassination.

We would appreciate very much hearing from you on this matter when it is convenient for you to do so. Should you have any questions, please call me at (202) 433-0088, extension 245.

Sincerely,

Douglas P. Horne

Enclosures