

Memorandum

To: T. Jeremy Gunn, ARRB
cc: David Marwell, ARRB

From: Tammi S. Long, ARRB

Date: April 25, 1996

Re: Preliminary report on ballistics evidence

Attached is my preliminary report on ballistics evidence. I have called it preliminary because I expect it to undergo continuous updates. I have revised this memorandum since my visit to the National Archives on April 23, 1996, where David Marwell, Tom Samoluk, Joseph Freeman and I viewed the evidence items covered in this memorandum. I have given a description of the condition of the evidence, the presence or absence of any items and the size of the fragments which has been a source of controversy.

I was reluctant to attach all the reference materials that I used in preparing this memorandum. The lot of documents is quite voluminous, however, I have retained copies all reference items. Joseph Freeman agreed to do a chain of custody of the Connally wrist fragments with particular focus on the events which lead to the change in size of the items reportedly removed from the wrist during surgery. The fragments as they currently appear in NARA are quite small compared to original descriptions.

Additionally, I spoke with Dr. Vincent Guinn as a follow-up to my letter to him. He stated that he had retained no information from his neutron activation analysis tests conducted for the HSCA. He stated that he had turned over all working materials and papers to the HSCA, however, he agreed to speak with us in order to answer any questions we may have.

In an effort to obtain the information to fax my report to you, I was advised by David Marwell that the information contained in my report would be too sensitive to trust to an unsecured, international fax line.