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September 6, 1986

James W. Sibert 4937 Normandy Court Cape Coral, Florida 33904

Dear Mr. Sibert,

I am a graduate student at the University of Maryland, working on my Master's Degree in mass communications. For my thesis, I am producing a documentary on President Kennedy's assassination.

I am very interested in conducting a brief interview with you regarding your recollection of the autopsy performed on President Kennedy's body at the Bethesda Naval Hospital on November 22, 1963 and your subsequent report on the autopsy. With your approval, I would like to videotape this interview for use in my thesis.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or require more details regarding my request. I thank you for your time and look forward to your response.

Sincerely yours,

Gerard Selby 9352 Canterbury Riding Laurel, Maryland 20707 (301) 776-4946

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Very truly yours,

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4937 Normandy Court Cape Coral, Florida 33904 September 19, 1986

Mr. Gerald Selby 9352 Canterbury Riding Laurel, Maryland 20707

Dear Mr. Selby:

As you know, the 23rd anniversary of President Kennedy's assassination will occur in the near future. During this time period, I have on numerous occasions been contacted by authors, hosts of television shows, and others regarding my role in connection with the autopsy.

My consistent response has been that I have nothing to add to what has been reported and available in document form at the F.B.I.

Should you desire a copy of the document, please direct your request to the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOI/PA) Section, Records Management Division, J. Edgar Hoover, F.B.I. Building, Tenth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., for processing. This document is also available to the public in the FOI/PA Section's reading room at FBI Headquarters. If you would like to review it, you should call 202-324-3762, 48 hours in advance of a desired appointment.

I hope that the above information will be helpful to you and I wish you success in your Master's Thesis.

Very truly yours,

James W. Sibert

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4937 Normandy Court Cape Coral, Florida 33904 December 27, 1988

Mr. Milt Ahlerich Assistant Director Office of Congressional and Public Affairs

Dear Mr. Ahlerich:

I received your letter dated December 16, 1988 enclosing the letter of Mr. MARK GROSSMAN, dated December 1, 1988.

As stated, GROSSMAN'S inquiry centers around that part of the SIBERT O'NEILL Autopsy FD 302 which states "it was apparent that a tracheotomy had been performed, as well as surgery of the head area; namely, in the top of the skull." These were observations and statements of COMMANDER HUMES, the Chief Pathologist, as recorded by agents witnessing the autopsy.

I am enclosing a copy of a cover letter dated October 24, 1978 with an affadavit which is self-explanatory and pertained to an interview conducted on August 25, 1977. I retained a copy of PURDY'S affadavit which I returned unsigned along with the signed and sworn affidavit that I prepared and forwarded to him.

It is to be noted that my affidavit mentions the tracheotomy in Par. 4, Page 2 and Par. 3, Page 4. The surgery of the head area is referred to in Par. 4, Page 2; last Par. Page 3; and first Par., Page 4.

Although the Bureau had prior knowledge of my August 25, 1977 interview by PURDY and KELLY, I did not forward a copy of my affidavit furnished in October 1978, which I am now enclosing for future reference.

In view of the above proceedings, would it be possible for you to suggest to GROSSMAN that he obtain a copy of my affidavit from the Select Committee on Assassinations, U. S. House of Representatives, assuming such has been released under the Freedom of Information Act.

Your Bureau files contain a letter to me from former Assistant Director WILLIAM M. BAKER, dated October 19, 1984, relative to a similar Kennedy Autopsy inquiry and request for interview and my letter of reply to BAKER dated November 13, 1984.

I have received similar inquiries in 1985 and 1986 and given similar replies as contained in my letter to BAKER. My reason for not submitting to interviews, in addition to Par. 2 of BAKER'S letter, is that I do not want to be placed in a position where I am asked for my opinions relating to: the quality and thoroughness of the utopsy, the single bullet theory, Mafia connections, and other similar controversial bics.

Mr. Milt Ahlerich

December 27, 1988

I will not contact Mr. GROSSMAN and I trust that information contained herein will be beneficial in the handling of this inquiry. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me by mail or Tel. # 813-542-7195.

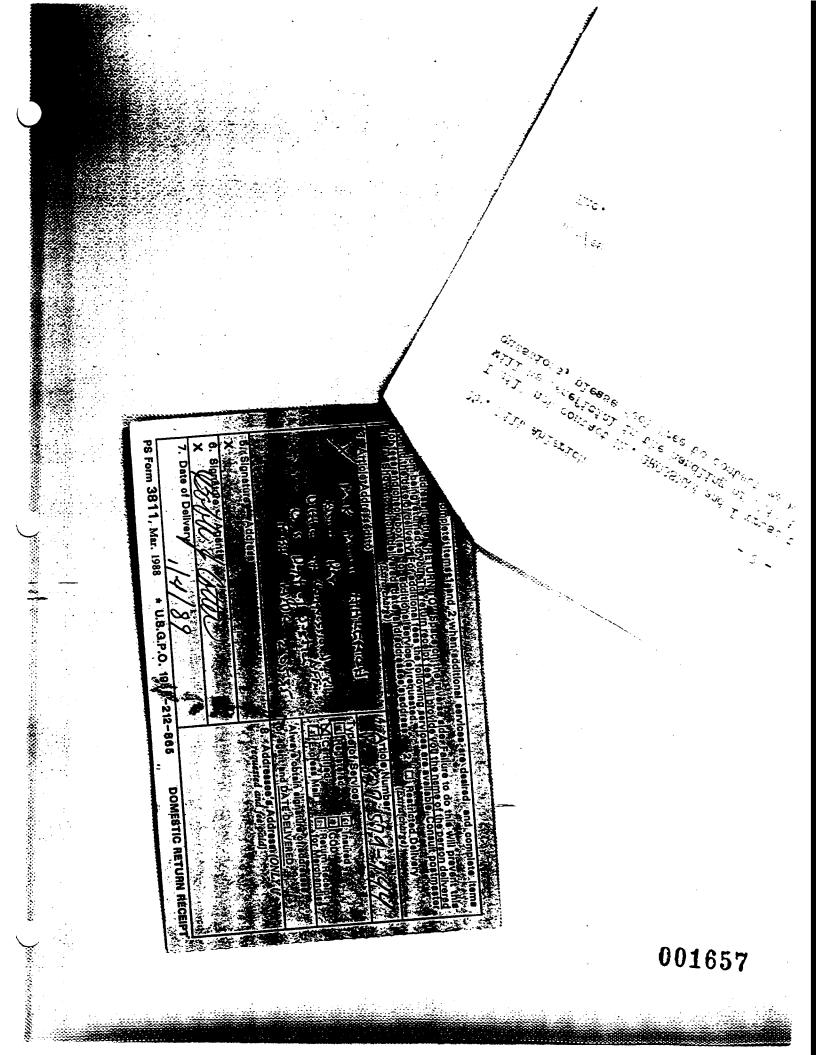
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Washington, D.C. 20535

December 16, 1988

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Mr. James W. Sibert 4937 Normandy Court Cape Coral, Florida 33904

Dear Mr. Sibert:

Recently, Mr. Mark Grossman, a researcher, wrote to me regarding his current project on the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Mr. Grossman has expressed a desire to interview you in connection with the late President's autopsy report. He requested FBI assistance in determining your availability and willingness to be of help in that matter. A copy of Mr. Grossman's letter is enclosed for your consideration. In addition, a copy is being furnished to Mr. Francis X. O'Neill, Jr., about whom the researcher also inquired.

Mr. Grossman's research is not being conducted as part of a joint effort with the FBI, and your participation is entirely at your own discretion. However, I would be very happy to assist you in any way possible. You may contact Mr. Grossman directly, or, if you prefer, I can either decline or make specific arrangements for a personal, telephone or written interview on your behalf.

Please advise me of your decision. If you have any questions or concerns, you may call Mrs. Bobbi Cotter of my staff at (202) 324-3306.

Sincerely yours,

/Milt Ahlerich Assistant Director Office-of Congressional and Public Affairs

Enclosure

7750 N.W. 79th Avenue Tamarac, F1 33321 December 1, 1988

The Federal Bureau of Investigation 9th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20535

To whom it may concern,

As a researcher, I have written to both the F.B.I. and C.I.A. requesting access to all documents publicly released dealing with the investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

If possible, let me use document DL 100-10461/cv, the "AUTOPSY OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY", filed by F.B.I. field agents Francis X. O'Neill, Jr., and James W. Sibert on November 26, 1963.

On page 3, paragraph 6, line 6, the report states, "it was ascertained that the President's clothing had been removed and it was also apparent that a tracheotomy had been performed, <u>as well as surgery of the head area</u>, <u>namely, in the top of the skull</u>." If this statement is true, then it is possible to speculate that the President's body was altered before autopsy. I have yet to go so far as to accept wholeheartedly this assertion.

What would settle the issue for me is to contact agents O'Neill or Sibert and, with the Bureau's permission, allow them to explain the reasoning behind their statement, which was made at the time the President's body was unwrapped for autopsy.

I personally do not have the addresses of both men per se, but do know that as late as 1980 Agent Sibert lived in Carrolton, Maryland. Would it be possible to write him and, again, with the Bureau's permission, have him answer what exactly he meant by "surgery of the head area"?

Also, if I may, I recently, through Senator Bob Graham (D-F1.), requested documents released from the Department of Justice, including a five-page letter from William Weld, former Assistant Attorney General, to retired Congressman Peter Rodino (D-NJ). In the letter, Mr. Weld said that acoustical information dealing with the assassination were published in a two-part article entitled "Acoustic Gunshot Analysis: The Kennedy Assassination and Beyond", published in the <u>FBI Law</u> <u>Enforcement Bulletin</u> (November and December 1983, Volume 52, Numbers 11 and 12, respectively. Would it be possible to get ahold of these two past Bulletins?

Thank you for your time. Any help you can give me in this area will be highly appreciated.

Mark Grbs

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4937 Normandy Court Cape Coral, Florida 33904 November 13, 1984

Mr. William M. Baker Assistant Director Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D. C. 20535

Dear Mr. Baker:

I received your letter of October 19, 1984 pertaining to an inquiry by Dr. Daniel J. Hickey regarding the assassination and autopsy of President John F. Kennedy. I have been out of the state for several weeks and therefore was unable to reply sooner.

Should I be contacted by Dr. Hickey, my response would be that I would have nothing to add to what appears in the FD 302 dictated by myself and O'Neill on November 26, 1963.

For the Bureau's information, after the publication of the book "Best Evidence" by David S. Lifton, I received a telephone call from the Host of a television show in Philadelphia. This individual stated that his station was having Lifton as a guest and would like to have me appear on the same program. I thanked him for the invitation and stated that I would have nothing to add regarding the Bethesda autopsy beyond what appears in the above described Interview Report Form.

He asked me if I had heard of LIFTON and his book and would I have any opinions regarding the book. I informed this individual that I had read the book but would express no opinions regarding its content.

Should I receive any future inquiries in this matter, my answers will be similar to those set forth above.

Very truly yours,

James M. Sibert

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U.S. Department of Justice



Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

October 19, 1984

Mr. James W. Sibert 4937 Normandy Court Cape Coral, Florida 33904

Dear Mr. Sibert:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter of October 1, 1984, from Dr. Daniel J. Hickey and my reply to him of October 19, for your consideration of his request for an interview. Copies of this correspondence also are being sent to Mr. Francis X. O'Neill for his response.

The FBI, of course, has no objection to your or Mr. O'Neill's cooperating with Dr. Hickey in this matter; however, as you are aware, the employment agreement that each of you signed with the Bureau places certain restrictions on the divulging of information gained in the course of your employment.

Should either or both of you grant an interview with Dr. Hickey, we would appreciate your contacting this office if questions arise concerning the propriety of divulging information requested by him, and determination will be made regarding releasability of the data.

Sincerely,

William M. Baker

William M. Baker Assistant Director Office of Congressional and Public Affairs

Enclosures (2)

1 - Mr. Francis X. O'Neill, Jr. - Enclosures (2)
47 Valley Shore Drive
Guilford, Connecticut 06437



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UP PER PENINSULA ASSOCIATION OF RURAL HEALTH SERVICES, INC.

MEDICAL DIRECTOR Stephen E. Olson, M.D. DENTAL DIRECTOR Daniel J. HICKEY, D.M.D NURSE PRACTITIONER Lorie Mackie, C.N.P OFFICE MANAGER Lynne Bennett

1 October 1984

Dear Sir,

I am requesting your assistance in a matter of great importance to me.

Presently I am engaged in researching a book on forsenic pathology, with a focus on the sub-speciality of forsenic odontology (dentistry). One of the chapters in my book explores the medical evidence of the case of John F. Kennedy, i.e., the Warren Commission investigation, the subsequent criticisms, and the conclusive report of the House Assassinations Committee (1979).

I am endeavoring to speak with those witnesses who viewed "up close" the events of November 22,1963. In particular, I would like to interview the two Bureau agents who were present at Bethesda Naval Hospital-James W. Sibert and Francis X. O'Neill. Would it be possible to obtain their current addresses and send me this information at the above address?

I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly, yours, Daniel J. Hickey

October 19, 1984

Dr. Daniel J. Hickey Whitefish Bay Medical-Dental Center Post Office Box 306 Brimley, Michigan 49715

Dear Dr. Hickey:

Your letter of October 1 has been referred to this office for reply.

With regard to your inquiry, because of privacy considerations, the FBI is not in a position to forward the addresses of former FBI Agents James W. Sibert and Francis X. O'Neill, Jr., to you. However, I have sent them copies of your letter and this reply for their consideration in responding to your request.

For your information, a document prepared by Messrs. Sibert and O'Neill concerning their role in the investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy is included in documents from the FBI file on this investigation previously released under the Freedom of Information Act. "Should you desire a copy of the document, please direct your request to the Freedom of Information/ Privacy Acts (FOI/PA) Section, Records Management Division, J. Edgar Hoover F.B.I. Building, Tenth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., for processing. This document is also available to the public in the FOI/PA Section's reading room here at FBI Headquarters. If you would like to review it, you should call 202-324-3762, 48 hours in advance of a desired appointment.

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