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TO Ken Klein
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PURSUANT TO YOUR REQUEST FOR THE UNDERSIGNED TO LOCATE THE FINGERPRINT LIFTS TAKEN BY THE DALLAS, TEXAS, P.D. & SUBSEQUENTLY TURNED OVER TO THE FBI FROM THE TRIFLE DISCOVERED ON THE SIXTH FLOOR OF THE TSBDO NOV. 22, 1963 AS WELL AS FROM THE HAND MADE PAPER BAG & CARDBOARD CARTON, I HAVE DEVELOPED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO DATE:

LT. KEN JOHNSON, DPD, ADVISES HE IS IN POSSESSION OF THE RECEIPT FOR THIS MATERIAL DATED 11-26-63 & SIGNED BY SA V. E. DRAIN. THE LIEUTENANT SAID HE HAD OCCASION TO LOOK UP THIS FILE WHEN A SIMILAR INQUIRY WAS MADE A SHORT TIME AGO BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DPIC TASK FORCE. HE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY OF THIS MATERIAL BEING RETURNED SINCE.

Mr. George Foster, F.B.I. UNIT CHIEF OF CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRIES, ADVISES ME HE CHECKED WITH THE LATENT FINGERPRINT SECTION ~~WAS OP~~, ALTHOUGH HE WAS UNABLE TO DISCOVER ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION RE THE CURRENT LOCATION OF THESE LIFTS, HE WAS INFORMED OF THE LONG EXISTING ^{BUREAU} POLICY WHICH HAS ^{ALWAYS} BEEN TO RETURN THE ORIGINALS TO THE SOURCE AFTER THEY HAVE PHOTOGRAPHED SUBMITTED MATERIAL OF THIS TYPE. KNOWS OF NO METHOD OF DETERMINING THE WHEREABOUTS

OTHER THAN CHECKING THE ENTIRE "AIRTEL" FILE OF THE DFIL INVESTIGATION W/ A VIEW OF FIRING LETTER THE DISPATCH TO THE C.O.P. IN DALLAS OR A DISPATCH TO THE LOCAL (DALLAS, TEXAS) FIELD OFFICE REPORTING OR OTHERWISE INSTRUCTING THE RETURN OF THIS MATERIAL. HE CONCEDES THIS WILL AMOUNT TO A MAMMOTH RESEARCH EFFORT.

I HAD CONFERRED EARLIER W/ MARGO JACKSON (TEAM ONE RESEARCHER) WHO INDICATED MR. FOSTER HAD INFORMED HER THIS MATERIAL HAD BEEN RETURNED BY THE BUREAU (NO AGENT'S NAME MENTIONED) SOME TIME AROUND Oct/Nov OF THE FOLLOWING YEAR (1964). WHEN I CALLED THIS TO HIS ATTENTION HOPEING TO DEVELOPE MORE EXPLICIT DETAILS, HE STATED MS. JACKSON APPARENTLY MISUNDERSTOOD HIM. HE HAS NO SUCH INFORMATION.

MR. PAINÉ, SECTION CHIEF OF LATENT PRINTS, REITERATED FOSTER'S INFORMATION BASICALLY & EXPLAINED THE PROCEDURE BY CITING STEPS NORMALLY TAKEN IN A HYPOTHETICAL CASE. HE INDICATED THE ONLY SURE WAY TO ACCOMPLISH MY GOAL WOULD BE TO SEARCH THE ENTIRE DFIL FILE TO LOCATE THE ORIGINAL WORKSHEET THE PRINT SECTION HAD TO MAKE UP AS IT RECEIVED THE MATERIAL INITIALLY. ^{ON} THIS ~~WOULD~~ THE ULTIMATE DISPOSITION WOULD NOTED. HE, TOO, ADDED, THAT THIS WOULD INDEED BE AN AMBITIOUS ENDEAVOR CONSIDERING THE SIZE OF THE DFIL FILE. HE STATED HE & HIS STAFF HAVE ASSISTED IN ANY WAY THEY COULD & WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO.

SEBASTIAN F. LATONA SAYS HE DOESN'T THINK THIS PROPERTY WAS RETURNED, ~~NOT BY~~ BUREAU POLICY NOTWITHSTANDING. THIS CASE WAS NOT ROUTING NOR WAS IT HANDLED AS SUCH. AS THE CHIEF OF THE FINGERPRINT SECTION, HE PERSONALLY RESPONDED TO THE LAB. THE PROCEDURE FOLLOWED AT THAT TIME WAS ALL EVIDENCE WAS SENT TO THE LAB FIRST. IF THEY THOT IT WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT HIS MATERIAL, THEY NOTIFIED HIM BEFORE ANY EXAM WAS CONDUCTED. OTHERWISE, BALISTICS GOT IT & ~~FBI~~ PRINT SECTION RECEIVED IT LATER. LATONA SUGGESTS CHECKING W/ THE LAB & THEN THE ARCHIVES. THIS WOULD BE WHERE HE WOULD EXPECT TO LOCATE THESE LIFTS.

7-17-78

CORRECT & SIGN MEMO TO KENNY - DELIVER SAME TO HIM. HE MENTIONS FBI FLACK - CIL W/ JACKIE - SEEMS SHE TOOK IT ON PHONE (FORGOT SHE GAVE ME FOSTER'S NUMBER WHEN I RAN DOWN MY REASON FOR NEED - MARGO'S INFO RE "RETURN OF PRINTS TO FBI") ADVISE HER I INTEND TO CONTINUE DISPIE BUREAU'S CRITICISM - THE WEIGHT IS MINE.

KEN SAYS TO CIL W/ MARGO BEFORE CONTACTING ARCHIVES RE: PRINTS. SHE'S APPARENTLY DEVELOPED SOMETHING THERE. ASIL MARGO IN HALL 10 MINUTES LATER "OH, I'M NOT THINKING ABOUT THAT ANY MORE!"

CALL MARION JOHNSON - INQUIRE ABOUT LIFTS RE RIFLE, CARTON & BAG. WE'LL CIL & LET ME KNOW. -

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C. W. JOHNSON: NO ORIGINAL LISTS - HAVE COPIES (C.E. 627 THRU 660). JOHNSON'S RECALLS PICKING UP RIFLE FROM CUNNINGHAM PERSONALLY AT FBI (D.C.) FALL OF '66. IT HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN LITIGATION - MARINA SOLD IT TO A MAN WHO PURSUED IT IN COURT. APPARENTLY BUREAU HAD RIFLE DURING INTERIM - JOHNSON PICKED IT UP AT CONCLUSION OF COURT ACTION. PISTOL WAS W/ RIFLE, ~~BOXES~~ BOXES (#648-53+54) + BAG (#142) WERE INCLUDED IN FILES WHEN W.C. RECORDS WERE DELIVERED TO ARCHIVES.