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Subject: Re: Records relating to TSBD fingerprints

THIS IS TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF YOUR EMAIL REGARDING THE FINGERPRINT EVIDENCE ON THE BOXES AT THE TEXAS School Book Depository. I will respond in greater detail once I have had the opportunity to further research this. Thank you for your continued interest in the work of the Review Board. To: Kim Herd" <Kim_Herd @ jfk-arrb.gov>cc: bcc: Kim Herd/ARRB)From: paulhoch @ uclink4.berkeley.edu (Paul L. Hoch) @ INTERNET @ INTERLIANT Date: 07/09/98 06:04:05 PM GMTSubject: Records relating to TSBD fingerprints Ms. Herd - In a letter of June 2, 1998 to Mr. Barr McClellan, you asked him for additional information relating to the identification of a fingerprint on a box in the TSBD as belonging to Malcolm Wallace. (Your letter is published in the latest issue of "JFK Deep Politics Quarterly.") In May, I e-mailed some comments to Jeremy Gunn about this fingerprint identification, based on the incomplete information which had then been released. Excerpts from that message are appended. The FBI reported in 1964 that all of the non-Oswald fingerprints on Box A which were considered identifiable were in fact identified - as Robert Lee Studebaker of the DPD. (One palm print remained unidentified.) We now know that the alleged Wallace print is not the previously unidentified palm print but a fingerprint, in photo #29 of Box A. Material in the Warren Commission's 26 volumes does not appear to establish conclusively either that the print in question was left out of the September 1964 sample as unidentifiable or that it was identified as Studebaker. That record appears to me to favor the second option, in which case the print of course cannot be Wallace's (if the FBI's match was definitive). Additional records in the Archives should settle this question, more or less easily. I hope that the JFK Collection already contains not only the results of the FBI's 1964 examination of the prints in photo #29, but the detailed evidence supporting those results. I did a RIF search on "Studebaker" for the period 8/1/64-9/30/64. Some of the nine hits refer to Mr. S. F. Latona, an FBI fingerprint examiner; those in particular might point to the details of any match claimed by the FBI. Those nine record numbers are appended. As you may know, the match to Wallace found by Mr. A. Nathan Darby has been challenged by other people who claim fingerprint expertise. Perhaps the FBI's 1964 work is relevant to your evaluation of whatever recommendations were made by Mr. McClellan in his petition. I hope my comments are of some use to you. Please let me know if you would like any clarification. Paul L. Hoch----- From Hoch to Gunn, 21 May 98 (edited): Many prints were found on boxes on the sixth floor. The Commission's primary interest, naturally, was that two were Oswald's. Considerable attention was also paid to prints from other people. Eventually, all the identifiable prints, except one, were matched to people who handled the boxes in the normal course of events. With the help of Sylvia Meagher's index, I found the Record

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