

MEMORANDUM

March 4, 1996

To: T. Jeremy Gunn

From: Tammi Long

Subject: Re: Mission Statement--Forensics Project

The Forensics Project is an attempt to catalogue the various items of physical evidence. This project will focus on the non-medical evidence such as items of clothing, bullets and fragments and fingerprints. I have constructed charts to aid in the documentation of the chain of custody, relevance to the assassination, present location and any related test information.

The Forensics Project is important to the mission of the ARRB for several reasons. First, the process of documenting records necessarily includes the physical evidence related to the assassination of President Kennedy. Additionally, the Forensics Project should foster public access to the physical evidence and the records of the tests conducted on the physical evidence. Some emphasis will be placed on locating any items of physical evidence which may, in light of more recent information, be considered an assassination item.

I will be contacting Steve Tilley at NARA to locate the data related to the tests conducted by the FBI, the Warren Commission and the House Select Committee on Assassinations. I will also be relying on the open source documents to construct the chain for custody of the various items and I will utilize the documents at NARA and other agencies to verify the information.