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Dear Steve,

I write again so soon because it occurred to me that I left a potentially important gap in the record I sent you about the FBI's chasing down Warren Commission Exhibit #399's chain of possession.

As attachments, I included a declassified FBI document that states that Parkland witnesses Tomlinson and Wright told FBI Agent Bardwell Odum that #399 resembled the bullet they had in their possession on 11/22/64. The only FBI memo from Dallas, however, says only that neither Tomlinson nor Wright were able to identify #399, and it says nothing about their having noted a resemblance, and it says nothing about Mr. Odum. Odum, as we mentioned, denied any involvement with the bullet, with Tomlinson or with Wright. Although one might be tempted to wonder if the Bureau's June memos were but expedient fabrications, with absolutely no 302s whatsoever backing them up, another declassified file – a routing slip – adds to the mystery. [Enclosure #1] For it proves that the FBI did actually ship #399 to Dallas and that it released it to FBI Agent Todd.

In Warren Commission Exhibit #2011, the FBI acknowledged the Commission's request to run down #399's chain of possession. This routing slip seems to suggest that the Bureau did indeed answer the Commission's call. # 399 was apparently sent from Washington to Dallas on 6/2/64 and back again on 6/24/64. It also suggests that FBI Agent Elmer Todd checked out the bullet on 6/24/64, which is the day he supposedly showed it to Secret Service Agents Johnsen (sic) and Rowley. [Enclosure #2]

So knowing that the Commission wanted specific answers from the FBI about # 399, would the Bureau have sent # 399 back and forth to Dallas, and then released it to Todd, and not gotten a 302 report back from Bardwell Odum, or some FBI agent in Dallas, and one from Agent Todd in Washington?

In other words, responding to the Warren Commission's request, the Bureau sent # 399 from place to place. Shouldn't there be *some* record of what happened during the bullet's travels?

Any light you can shed would be greatly appreciated.

Best wishes,

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