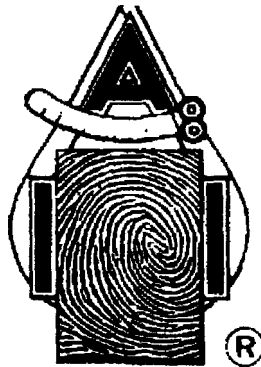


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# Letters to the Editor

## *Letter 1*

Dear Sir:

The dermal ridge arrangements are an entity of the human physical plane. Today, they serve a particular purpose, identification. Tomorrow, they may be of different value to the scientific community. If ever that day in the future arrives, the fingerprint record of the deceased may no longer be available. We must therefore explore the possible reasons for the loss of the records and decide what should be implemented to prevent this from happening in the future.

1. Law enforcement agencies may unknowingly employ individuals who are involved in the illegal sale and profit of the original documents as collector items. Agencies should establish a separate fingerprint file to which access cannot be obtained without a special clearance. If these files are interfiled with the records of the general population, then anyone with general access can remove them.

2. The fingerprint record may have been misfiled. This is possible, but not likely, due to the various check and balance procedures used to locate an individual's record, e.g., name, date of birth, place of birth, living or deceased, reference classification, etc.

3. The fingerprint record may have been destroyed. New Scotland Yard, for example, destroys the fingerprint record of the deceased after the proper information is procured from the police.

4. The records have been misplaced. Records could have been removed for a special investigation and then not returned to the original file location pending the outcome of the investigation, while the fingerprint searchers know nothing of the investigation.

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Today, the scientific community regards fingerprints to be a by-product of the human evolutionary cycle. Consequently, they may display a clue to man's genetic manifestation. The indication of various diseases has already been attributed to the frequencies of the dermatoglyphic structure by the medical establishment. This writer speculates even further that a relationship may also exist which encompasses the elevation of the mind.

As an example to my point, the fingerprints of the following deceased individuals are no longer available in the Federal government files:

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| 1. Dr. Albert Einstein         | 7. General Douglas MacArthur               |
| 2. Jimi Hendrix                | 8. General George S. Patton, Jr.           |
| 3. Senator Robert F. Kennedy   | 9. Elvis Presley                           |
| 4. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. | 10. President Franklin Delano<br>Roosevelt |
| 5. Bruce Lee                   | 11. Malcolm X                              |
| 6. John Lennon                 |  |

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cc: Honorable Alfonse D'Amato  
United States Senator



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