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Office of the Chief of Staff

Chief of Police Dallas Police Department Dallas, Texas

Dear Sir:

I am in the final phases of a book manuscript on Presidential assassination, primarily from a psychiatric viewpoint. On the invitation of the Texas State Medical Association, I am due to give several talks to this group in Dallas on Saturday morning, May 5. I plan on arriving in Dallas the evening of Thursday, May 3, and will be staying at the Fairmont Hotel. I have the following day, Friday, May 4, free and open.

Is there a Dallas police officer who is off-duty on May 4 who could spend part of the day with me? Preferably it would be an officer who was a member of the Dallas Police Department on November 22, 1963. I would like to retrace the route from Love Field, past the Book Depository, and to Parkland Hospital etc. If it is possible, I would also like to see the area on the 6th floor of the Book Depository from which Oswald shot. By any chance, is the Officer Baker referred to in the Warren Report still on the force or might he be available? He was the first officer to enter the Book Depository after the assassination.

If such an officer is available on May 4, we could either use a taxi-cab or his personal car if he wished. I would, of course, expect to pay him a suitable honorarium plus his expenses.

My personal sponsor from the Texas State Medical Association while I am in Dallas is Dr. Doyle Carson, phone 381-7181 and you are more than welcome to check with him on my professional status, etc.

Since there will not be time for you to get word back to me before I leave for Dallas on May 3, would it be an imposition to ask if you would leave word for me upon my arrival at the Fairmont on Thursday, May 3, about 7 P.M.?

Most sincerely, Donald W. Hastings, M.D.

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