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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover,
Chief of F.B.I.

Dear sir: First, I wish to join the many who heard
and were inspired by your magnificent American
address.

But, who am I? Just as an American citizens, both
and lived my long life in America; former newspaper
reporter, on the Times and Examiner thirty year,
had my own public relations business until retirement
twenty years ago.

Why do I write you? Because I have a theory
(possibly wrong) about Kubenstein of Dallas. It is
likely that members of your staff have included
the one I will state, and rejected it. However, I
am sending you the first page of a Moscow publi-
cation, Liberatura Gazette, for which I have been
subscribing for about ten years. In 1956 I wrote
for the L.A. Times, a number of articles critical
of much in Russia which the paper had revealed.
It became less free with their exposures of graft-
ers, bunglers, etc., and I wrote no more but continued
to take the paper, principally that it helped me in
my study of Russian.

The Theory.

You will find on the front page of the number
I enclose, the date being Nov. 30, 1963, a map of
a section of Dallas where the President was assass-
inated. Two places showing the type of emphasis
they gave to this are the places where Oswald
lived, and where Ruby lived. They are in the same

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The psychology is clear; they wished to convey to the readers the idea that they were acquaintances. The line under the map states that material for it was obtained from the foreign press. I do not know whether any other paper or magazine gave it the emphasis we note.

My hunch about Ruby is purely out of thin air. Several factors, however, lead me to picture an alternative to his being "temporarily insane".

The possibility of Ruby knowing Oswald before the tragedy suggests itself, the circumstance which I entertain on this being that Oswald, needing money to go back to Russia for additional book material, needed a good deal of money for that Mexican trip. Ruby, if he knew Oswald in that time before the shooting, could have been shown what Oswald wrote and thought a paying book might result. Unexpectedly, Oswald failed in Mexico and had to come back, owing Ruby money.

Of course, all this was legitimate. However, after Oswald was arrested as the sniper, would not the police or some agency ask him about the Mexican venture, and as it was innocent, he might not hesitate to tell about the loan from Ruby. Naturally, if Oswald had done this after the murder, and Ruby, if he make the loan, would realize what a ruinous thing if he were to be associated even in this way with the criminal. So the theory is that Ruby shot Oswald to keep him from mentioning that Ruby's former interest in him.

If the above is a fact there is strong reason for making it public. It would disprove what Pravda and other propagandists are spreading around the world, namely, the suspicion that Ruby figured in the tragedy or that there's more to this than the lone-wolf act of Oswald. I believe the inquiry would score heavily if should discover this was the reason Ruby shot Oswald. Sincerely,

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