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Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to my letter dated August 12, 1964, concerning the scope of this Bureau's investigative efforts since the assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy. Reference is also made to a telephone conversation between Mr. Howard P. Willens of your staff and Mr. J. R. Malley of this Bureau on September 2, 1964, relative to our making an estimate of the number of interviews conducted by personnel of this Bureau since November 22, 1963.

As you were previously advised in my letter dated August 12, 1964, we did not keep track of the number of interviews conducted by virtually every one of our fifty-six continental field offices and our representatives abroad. Based on the most recent request of Mr. Willens, an effort was made to arrive at a reasonable estimate of the number of such interviews conducted, without resorting to a physical count or engaging in a laborious, time-consuming research project. In line with the above, it is estimated FBI personnel conducted 25,000 interviews since November 22, 1963. It is pointed out this figure took into consideration interviews and reinterviews in all matters investigated by this Bureau arising from the assassination of President Kennedy.

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1 - 62-109090 (Assassination)

1 - 105-82555 (Lee Harvey Oswald)

1 - 44-24016 (Jack L. Ruby)

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NOTE:

See Rosen to Belmont memo captioned "The President's Commission, Assassination of the President, 9-2-64, RDR:las.

Sincerely yours,

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