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The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation % United States Department of Justice Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The tragic events during the past few days has prompted me to write this letter.

First of all, let us not forget the shameful treatment our Ambassador Stevenson received in Dallas, Texas.

I cannot blame the Dallas Police Department nor any officials of the United States Government in the loss of our President Kennedy. It was very sad and a great loss to our Country. However, I am astounded at the poor security manifestation by the heads of the Dallas Police Department concerning Oswald. Apparently, they never gave serious consideration of Oswald being a probable Communist or linked with subversive activities. In my opinion, I considered it most important that the Bureau question this murderer. Now it is too late.

I was again shocked when the television station announced that the Oswald case was closed as far as the Dallas Police Department was concerned. Believe me Mr. Hoover, I shouted with joy when later it was announced that the Bureau did not consider the Oswald case closed and was in the process of making a <u>full</u> investigation.

As you know, my being in a family of law inforcement (former) officers, I have the greatest respect for the Bureau and it's director.

Respectfully yours;

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