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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, F.B.I.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover;

I am taking this liberty in writing you, hoping you will see to it that it arrives in the proper hands. It concerns the Secret Service and their role in the recent death of President Kennedy.

There must be considerable soul searching among those responsible for protecting the life of the President in view of recent events. If it is any consolation to you dedicated men, let me as a majority of one, extend my vote of confidence. It is an amazing revelation to me that you are able to accomplish your task at all. Be assured that in my mind, and I feel sure in the minds of the people of these United States, you did all that was humanly possible to make the way safe.

Because of the nature of your task and the office you protect, no doubt the unexpected has become the expected, but until the mysteries of the human mind become revealed you will be called upon to render your service more and more.

You have done and will continue to do a very commendable job. I'm sure the confidence in your group by those you protect is shared by the rest of the public.

With great respect; I am,

Sincerely,

*William Cornwell, Jr.*  
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