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J. Edgar Hoover, Director
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am at work on a book about our late President John Fitzgerald Kennedy. In the book, I plan to trace the lives of both Mr. Kennedy and the scum (I can not call him a man) who assassinated him.

Watching the newscasts over the last four tragic days, I find myself with several questions I can't answer - some of them are questions no one seems to be asking. I thought perhaps you might be able to help.

First, why wasn't the package carried into the Texas School Book Depository by Lee Oswald opened and searched by the police officer who saw Oswald with the package?

Secondly, is it possible that Oswald could have been made aware of the President's Dallas itinerary - say in September? I'm not aware how long in advance these trips are planned. He had worked for two months in the Texas School Book Depository and it seems too much of a coincidence that the motorcade would conveniently pass this building.

There is an alternate possibility. Nine days prior to the assassination an MC who worked at Jack Ruby's club claimed that he saw Lee Oswald in the audience. Could Lee Oswald have been summoned there by Jack Ruby? This brings me to my third question.

In the slowed down film sequence of Oswald's murder, Lee Oswald sees Ruby coming in his direction. It appears that he knows Ruby. There seems to be recognition. Now the newscaster who was narrating the sequence asked us to note how Oswald's eyes never left his murderer. The reporter inferred that Oswald knew he was going to be murdered and had no time to give an alarm.

This is not true. After he recognized Ruby, he turned away. He was not afraid that Ruby would murder him and he was not surprised to see Ruby there.

Since the murder, the newspapers and television reports have not referred to any possible connection between the two men, but I feel that the coincidences are mounting up in this case to a point where they must resolve themselves into a plot.

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Fourth, Oswald ate lunch while he waited to kill our President. The motorcade, I understand, was running late. How did Oswald know when to take his lunch hour? How did he know that the "bubble" would be down? Did he receive a call at work that day? If he did, couldn't that call have come from Ruby? Oswald certainly didn't plan on shooting at the President's car if the "bubble" were in place.

May I outline what I think could possibly be the case? Say that Ruby, through his familiarity with the Dallas police, learned ten or eleven days prior to the trip about the President's itinerary. Say he also knew that Oswald lived near Dallas (there must have been some sort of write-up when Oswald returned home with his wife and baby - perhaps the birth notice of the new baby was what brought Oswald's name to Ruby's attention).

If he contacted Oswald that would explain Oswald's presence in the club nine days before the President's arrival. Knowing that Oswald was a radical and that he had appealed to Governor Connally to have his undesirable discharge revoked, it wouldn't have taken much for Ruby to have persuaded Oswald to do the job. There were nine days to prepare and Oswald had a rifle which he had purchased in March which we know now could and did do the job.

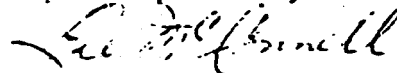
Of course, this is all guess work and I may be out in left field without a glove, but this is a horrible act, and if there are more people involved I think they should be ferreted out. I know of course that your department is probably working on it right now. I feel I must write this letter in case this connection has been overlooked.

I cannot say that I'm sorry for Oswald's death (except that it blocked a channel of information). I am glad he's dead and at the same time ashamed that I am glad, for I know that President Kennedy would be the first to have demanded that the assassin be given every right to which he was entitled.

If Ruby is not involved in an assassination conspiracy and was - in truth - driven temporarily insane by the slaying of an exceptional man by a radical punk, then I sympathize with him and hope that somehow matters resolve themselves for him.

I think, however, we owe it to President Kennedy to discover the whole truth. To President Kennedy, and to the people of the United States and the world who loved him.

Very truly yours,



Leo McConnell