

200 Cabrin Boulevard
New York City
November 26, 1963

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Like so many other American Citizens I have been deeply puzzled about the circumstances surrounding the death of Lee Oswald, the apparent assassin of our beloved President Kennedy.

The thought occurred to me after reading the newspaper articles that he might have been a hired assassin. Certain individuals, knowing his background, may have selected Mr. Oswald for this particular mission, and Mr. Oswald because of both monetary and political reasons readily accepted the job. This might account for the fact that Mr. Oswald was murdered before the full information surrounding his motives were revealed.

I noticed that Mr. Oswald obtained a position in the Texas Book Depository Building, where the shot was fired, about October 14. It would appear that Mr. Oswald knew well in advance the exact route that the President was going to take on that fatal day. It would be interesting to investigate as to whether or not the details of the President's route were made public at that time. I think this is a most important matter.

According to the newspaper accounts which I read, Mr. Oswald had ordered the murder weapon under the assumed name of Hidell. The Dallas Police Department in a press release stated that he still had an identification card bearing this alias on his possession when he was apprehended. This seems to be very puzzling, as why would he carry a card linking him with this alias?

In all probability there are good explanations which can clarify the puzzling elements in this horrifying crime. However, as an American Citizen I do feel it incumbent on me to express my doubts and confusions to your office for the purpose of further unravelling the evidence in this case so that the American people can, at the very least, obtain solace from the fact that justice has been done in this heinous crime.

Very truly yours,

Leonard S. Hirsch

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