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The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover Director Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

May I once again ask your assistance ? If you can help I will deeply appreciate it. If you cannot assist me, especially at this time when you are REALLY busy, I will most certainly understand.

In addition to being associated with Civil Defense I am (1) a dedicated student of history and (2) a recognized gum collector and collector of antique weapons and books.

Since the terrible assassination of President Kennedy I have been called and contacted by friends and associates regarding the type weapon used, details regarding "how" this madman could have possibly fired with such speed and accuracy. Countless other questions as well.

I sincerely believe in having fact before making statements.... If it is made available in any form from the FBI, I would deeply appreciate receiving ANY facts, reports or details regarding this and any other phase of this deed.

May I take this opportunity to say to you that we of the South are sad and feel deeply this great loss. We did not always agree with this young man's ideas or plans but all of us recognized the honesty with which he approached his programs and I feel that every Southerner honored and respected his ability.

Our heart and prayers go out to Mrs. Kennedy and to President Johnson. Thank God he has the backing and assistance of such great men as your

Respectfully yours,
Ross E. Beard, Jr.
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