

Malley

January 20, 1964

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, N. E.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

In accordance with your conversation with J. R. Malley of this Bureau on January 17, 1964, the scale models prepared by this Bureau relating to the site of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, and the Dallas, Texas, police department garages were delivered to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Building and have been set up in the Assembly Room on the first floor.

The scale models show in minute detail pertinent physical features of each site, including miniature reproductions of vehicles. It is believed these three-dimensional exhibits will assist eyewitnesses in clearly demonstrating their recollections of events occurring at the time of the shooting, thus making it possible for those who have not visited these sites to gain a full and clear understanding of the happenings surrounding each event.

Mr. Wade Holland, Superintendent of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Building, has advised that the Assembly Room will be kept locked and, in accordance with your request, he has been requested to make available to your office a key for this room. He has also been advised that you do not desire anyone to have access to the room without written authorization from your office. While these arrangements have been made with Mr. Holland in accordance with your request, it is suggested that it would be well for you also to discuss this matter with Mr. Holland in order that there can be no possible misunderstanding on his part relative to your desires for the safekeeping of these exhibits.

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In the event you desire explanations of any kind regarding these exhibits, Mr. Leo Gauthier, under whose direction these exhibits were prepared, will be available to discuss any questions you may have concerning these exhibits in detail.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover