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ON THE  
ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

*Assassination of President John F. Kennedy*

The National Broadcasting Company in New York has informed the Commission that it has a continuous video tape of all programming on November 24, 1963 and, in particular, between 11:00 a.m. CST (12:00 p.m. EST) and the time Lee Oswald was shot. The Commission would appreciate your examining those tapes for the purpose of determining to the highest degree of accuracy, the exact time that Oswald was shot.

As you are aware, most broadcast stations operate on Western Union clocks which are synchronized each hour on the hour. Usually that synchronization introduces a characteristic "beep" into the broadcast circuit. It may be possible accurately to determine the exact moment of 11:00 a.m. CST on such video tapes and to make time computations from that point on the tapes to the moment Oswald was shot. The Commission is extremely hopeful that accuracy to within fifteen or twenty seconds can be obtained.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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