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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
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Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

As you may know I am a researcher duly registered with the National Archives and Records Service and a holder of researcher identification card number 604-145. I have, in addition, an account with that office which has permitted me in the past to order photostatic copies of documents in their records.

I have examined a number of the documents on the list of basic source materials in possession of the Warren Commission maintained by the National Archives. I am now anxious to examine some of the physical evidence in the case. I refer to the shirt and jacket worn by President Kennedy on November 22, 1963, the bullet designated by the Warren Commission as Commission Exhibit 399, as well as the two fragments of bullets also found, the alleged assassination rifle, the jacket which the Commission determined that Lee Harvey Oswald wore on November 22, Oswald's handwriting specimens that were examined by the Commission's experts, the pistol that the Commission determined was used to shoot J. D. Tippit, the bullets recovered from Tippit's body, the goatskin that served as a target for bullets fired from the alleged assassination weapon, the metal shims that were attached to the alleged assassination weapon before it was tested, the windshield of the Presidential

limousine, the original photograph shown to Marguerite Oswald on Nov-

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ember 23, 1963 by FBI Agent Goun, the curbstone that was
November 22nd and examined at the FBI laboratory; during
the paper bag in which Oswald allegedly carried the rifle
22 and the paper bag manufactured by the FBI Laboratory
the original, and the actual tape-recordings of the Ball
broadcasts which were examined by an FBI agent and from
ferent and inconsistent transcripts were made and public
Commission.

I have absolutely no objection to examining the evidence
supervision of governmental agents. In some cases I would
have reputable and recognized authorities make the exam-
half. For example, I wish to employ outstanding handwr
examine the handwriting specimens.

I have been informed that at least some, if not most of
evidence that I have referred to hereinabove, may be in
of the FBI. Accordingly I should like to know when it
ent for your office for me to see the evidence and arr
dependent experts examine the evidence.

If for any reason you should decline to permit an exam-
evidence by me or by independent experts, I would appreciate
you would in any event list those items of evidence that
do possess and the authorities upon which you rely bot
ion of the evidence and the declination to permit the
the evidence.

Sincerely,


Mark Lane

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