



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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Mr. Arlen Specter
District Attorney
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Dear Mr. Specter:

I have noted comments attributed to you in the "Chicago Daily News" and the "New York Post" of November 16, 1966, concerning my testimony before the Warren Commission.

You were quoted in these newspapers as stating "... FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover appeared before the commission and supported its conclusions. In fact, Hoover said the commission had been so thorough that it was unreasonably thorough."

I testified before the Commission on May 14, 1964, that the FBI investigation had developed no evidence of a foreign or domestic conspiracy that culminated in the assassination. I also stated I was convinced Oswald "... fired three times, killed the President and wounded Governor Connally." These statements are recorded on pages 99 and 103 of Volume V of the "Hearings Before the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy." These were my views based on the FBI investigation. They were not in support of any conclusions of the Commission for at that time the Commission had not announced any conclusions.

As to the second part of the statement attributed to you, I have never stated that the Commission was "unreasonably thorough." Following my appearance before the Commission on

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May 14, 1964, in reply to inquiries from news media representatives, I remarked that the Commission had "gone beyond what a reasonable man would have expected" in accumulating evidence.

In the interest of accuracy, I thought it wise to bring this matter to your attention.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover