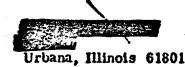
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Dear Mr.

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Your letter of December 31st has been received. I want to thank you for your New Year's greeting and you have my best wishes for every happiness during the New Year.

January 8, 1968

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In response to your request, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy. The FBI at the request of President Johnson conducted a prompt, intensive, objective and thorough investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy. All the material developed by this Bureau in connection with this Investigation was lurned over to the Warren Commission for its consideration, and the results of our inquiry were subsequently made available to the National Archives by the Warren Commission. The FBI has no authority to independently release any information in these reports.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Houves

NOTE: Bufiles reflect an outgoing to 12-29-67 in response to his request regarding the National Council of Churches.

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