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Frank E. Chatelanat

Dear Mr. Hoover:

On March 29 I wrote to you in regard to a proposed book on controversy which has followed the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. I was bitterly disappointed to learn in your return letter of April 3 that you would not see me.

In my original letter, I said that I would not be interested in writing a book that was based on anything less than first-hand knowledge. I also expressed some doubt that I would be able to obtain the amount of cooperation needed to make this book possible. For that reason, I further stated that the book may never be written. Since then, however, I have received encouragement from Senator Russell, Senator Cooper, Arlen Specter, Henry Wade, Jim Garrison, and Harold Weisberg. All of these men have agreed to see me and I am certain that others will follow.

After a long and close study of the evidence, I have what I believe to be a supportable alternate to the single bullet theory. While my theory is fortified by the existing evidence, it is wholly dependent on a possibility that may or may not exist. It is here that I need help. The answer will not be found in the FBI report or in the 26 volumes of testimony and exhibits.

If my theory can be established, it would account for the FBI contradiction of the autopsy report, the location of the holes in President Kennedy's clothing, the bullet found at Parkland, the ballistics evidence, and would offer a credible explanation for the apparent disappearance of the third bullet. The theory, needless to say, would support the conclusion that one man acted alone.

I would like to discuss this matter with all those who are knowledgeable on the subject but my confidence is in you- and in the FBI. Indeed, I consider it a serious mistake on the part of President Johnson that the Warren Commission was ever created. It is not an affront to any member of that body to say that no man was better equipped to cope with the problem than J. Edgar Hoover, and no group of men better qualified to handle the investigation than the FBI. It is my firm belief that the matter should have been left in your hands. It simply was not a job for politicians and lawyers. I am eager to cast you and your associates in a better light. Won't you please reconsider your earlier decision and agree to see me in the not too distant future?

Very truly yours,
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