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June 4, 1976

Mr. [redacted] b7c

- 1 - Mr. Gallagher
- 1 - Mr. O'Connell
- 1 - Mr. Cooke
- 1 - Mr. Burton

[redacted] Idaho 83201

Dear Mr. [redacted] b7c

Governor Andrus of Idaho referred a copy of your research report on the Assassination of President Kennedy to the Department of Justice. Assistant Attorney General Richard L. Thornburgh, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, referred the report to this Bureau for study and response.

We have studied, in detail, the material contained in your report. The witnesses whose testimony you make reference to were attempting to recall events that occurred months before. It is true, as you point out, that there were some discrepancies in their testimony, particularly as to dates. These discrepancies, however, are typical of those found in any recording of recollections of different persons relating to the same event, after the passage of time.

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As you are aware, the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy considered the testimony of over 500 witnesses and examined all of the available evidence, including that upon which your report is based. After carefully considering all of the available material and, in some cases, making note of discrepancies of the type you point out, the Commission reached conclusions to which all members subscribed.

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Copies of this letter are being furnished to the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, and to Governor Andrus of Idaho.

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

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NOTE: Governor Andrus' letter to the Attorney General was referred to FBIHQ by Assistant Attorney General Thornburgh. Andrus' letter enclosed a research report on the Kennedy Assassination prepared by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Indices reveal no derogatory material on [REDACTED]. The research report furnished by [REDACTED] examines selected bits of testimony and evidence and reaches conclusions to support his theory that Marina Oswald, Mrs. Ruth Paine and unnamed "behind the scene forces" at the Warren Commission conspired in an effort to cover-up the fact that Vice-President Johnson, on April 23, 1963, launched the idea of a Texas visit by the President. [REDACTED] claims the April 23 deception provides a wide-open door for new investigation of the Kennedy Assassination. This letter responds to [REDACTED] research report. Carbon copies are provided for Assistant Attorney General Thornburgh and Governor Andrus of Idaho.

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