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Police Commissioner  
DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Sir:

I can well imagine your Police Department has been receiving a flood of uncomplimentary letters in lieu of the recent tragedy that took place in your city. I would like to be somewhat different. Your Police Department did a magnificent job all the way through. First of all, it is almost impossible to prevent the death of a President if someone is as dedicated to killing an individual as Oswald was. It was impossible to stop.

Everyone I have talked to feels that the slaying of Oswald by Ruby was a disgrace to the police department. However, in my estimation, this was not entirely the fault of the Dallas Police Department. This could have happened in any city in the United States. Not one police department could say this would never happen in their city, because NO other police department has ever had such tremendous interference by the press, television reporters and camera personnel included, which converged upon your city.

It is of my personal belief that the public should be given all facts in a case such as this particular one, but I think it is entirely unnecessary that such huge throngs of the press be allowed to congregate and impede efficiency at police headquarters, such as was recently allowed. It would seem to me that the FBI, Secret Service Department and other agencies, such as the Texas State Police Department, etc., would make certain that the news be covered by a "pooling" method in a case of such great importance as the recent death of President Kennedy.

In other words, one reporter each from UPI, AP, and perhaps one or two reporters from two smaller agencies, be allowed to be present, plus one camera crew from one of the television networks, instead of dozens, and then all of this news be "pooled" out to the public. This would allow any police department to cooperate more efficiently with far less confusion.

Again, I would like to offer my congratulations to you for handling to the best of your ability the tragic situations which took place in your city.

The Dallas Police Department should not suffer the criticism for inefficiency alone. To quickly review, the FBI, Secret Service Department and news reporters, of all types, should share this criticism.

Yours very truly,

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cc: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director, F.B.I.

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