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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY

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J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

Mr. Samuel A. Stern, a member of the advisory staff of the President's Commission, has been authorized by the Commission to travel to Dallas to take the depositions or affidavits of several persons, including federal law enforcement officers who were present during events which occurred in the course of the detention of Lee Harvey Oswald. In this connection, Mr. Stern has been authorized to take the depositions or affidavits of such members of the Dallas office of the FBI as seem appropriate, including particularly Special Agents Manning Clements and James Bookhout.

The Commission would greatly appreciate your making available Agents Clements and Bookhout at the office of the United States Attorney, Dallas, Texas, on April 8 or April 9, 1964. If you approve, Mr. Stern will communicate with Special Agent in Charge Shanklin upon his arrival in Dallas, to set a precise time convenient as far as possible for the agents involved. If in the course of his interviews with agents Bookhout and Clements, it seems to Mr. Stern advisable to take the depositions of other agents in the Dallas FBI office, I trust it will be satisfactory with you for Mr. Stern to make appropriate arrangements with Mr. Shanklin.

The general subject matter of the depositions or affidavits will be to inquire of what facts the agents may know concerning the arrest and detention of Lee Harvey Oswald.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in the work of the Commission.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin  
General Counsel

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