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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

As you know, the Commission in its Report is required to deal with allegations that the motorcade route, which took the President's car past the Depository at the intersection of Elm and Houston, was unnecessary and departed from normal practice. The Commission would appreciate your assistance in preparing some visual aids for use in demonstrating the incorrectness of these allegations.

We would like to demonstrate by a few selected photographs that traffic proceeding westbound on Main Street is directed to turn right on Houston Street and left onto Elm Street if it wishes to proceed north on the Stemmons Freeway. We would like to demonstrate, in short, that the motorcade was not able to proceed on Main Street and thereby gain access to Stemmons Freeway proceeding northbound without departing from normal traffic patterns. If possible, we would like you to secure photographs illustrating the following:

1. Any instructions which are posted on Main Street instructing westbound traffic as to how it should proceed to gain access to Stemmons Freeway;

2. Any instructions on Houston Street between Main and Elm Streets directing traffic as to how to gain access to Stemmons Freeway.

3. The traffic instructions posted along Elm Street instructing traffic approaching the triple underpass to keep to the right in order to gain access to the Stemmons Freeway.

4. The traffic signs instructing traffic after it has proceeded under the triple underpass as to the lanes to take in order to reach the Stemmons Freeway.

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5. The normal flow of traffic along Main Street after it has proceeded under the triple underpass, including the signs located on the barrier advising Main Street traffic of the fact of merging traffic and that no turns at the end of the barricade are permitted.

6. The fact that the barricade separating Main Street traffic from Elm Street traffic extends beyond the point where Elm Street traffic can gain access to Stemmons Freeway.

We would, of course, appreciate any suggestions your experts may have as to how to present this material most effectively. Mr. Willens of my staff is available to discuss this with your representatives at their convenience.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin

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