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August 12, 1964

Mr. Edward C. Kemper, Jr.
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kemper:

Please accept my appreciation for the time and courteous attention and help you gave Burt Reinhardt and me yesterday with respect to our inquiries regarding the two United Press International motion picture films covering the assassination of President Kennedy.

It is especially reassuring to know that the FBI has not given and has no intention of giving these films or any stills therefrom (or even permitting access thereto) to anyone other than the Warren Commission for use in conjunction with its forthcoming report. I understand that Mr. Nix was recently given a single print of the so-called "Nix" film, which Mr. Nix sold to UPI and is now owned by and copyrighted by UPI, but I further understand that the FBI has no intention of giving Mr. Nix any further prints.

As we discussed, Burt Reinhardt will have delivered to you shortly the copyright notices to be attached to all of the so-called "Nix" film prints now in the possession or control of the FBI or Warren Commission. A check of my notes of our meeting shows that at least six such "Nix" film prints are involved, including the "Nix" film print given to the FBI by UPI. However, if any other "Nix" film prints are discovered by the FBI to be in existence or made by the FBI for any reason in the future, please notify Reinhardt so that the proper copyright notice can be attached to them also. I appreciate your offer to see to it that these copyright notices are spliced to all such "Nix" film prints, and to confirm this to Reinhardt.

Thanks again for your consideration and cooperation. It was indeed a pleasure to meet you and I look forward to saying "hello" in the near future, possibly when I take that tour of the Bureau which I have promised you.

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With best wishes, I am

Very truly yours,


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