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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I have written to you several times before in the past, each letter concerned with employment with the FBI.

I am now writing to you as a member of our school's Discussion Club. Recently, we have had the honor to act as host to a variety of important speakers from all types of professional fields. We even hope to have Special Agent Fredrick Daly attend one of our discussion's sometime in the near future.

We are currently trying to assemble a panel for a debate on the assassination of the late John F. Kennedy. We have sent out many invitations, inviting such speakers as: Mark Lane, J. Lee Rankin, and Ralph Corey (or adequate substitutes) to attend.

We are going to attempt to have a two sided panel; having two speakers who are critics of the Warren Commission and two speakers who uphold the Commission's findings.

The reason for my writing this letter to you was to obtain some or any substantial statements (in answer to the questions on the following page) which could be helpful to me in a rebattal. I want to find out just how these critics arrived at their conclusions about the inefficiency of the FBI. I feel that their whole theory is excepted by the public because there is a lack of reference in which to cross-examine them. I realize that your first impressions on reading my letter will be - "why should I have to answer to him." However, I am only doing this because I want to be able to limit the amount of slanderous statements that will be made about the FBI. I will not be able to do this without your help. I am sure that you, just as I, do not want the students of my high school to be influenced into believing these critics just because they have the upper-hand (of having all the answers) and nobody being able to touch them because of a lack of reference!

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I would appreciate it very much if you would answer (or give an explanation for) the following questions, which are being raised by these critics.

You realize of course that you do not have to answer any of them, however, I wish you would try to answer at least the one's which you feel are going to be the most relevant.

Mark Lane remarks in his book Rush To Judgement, that Lieutenant J.C. Day was able to find fingerprints on Oswald's rifle, whereas (in respect, his "teacher") S. Francis Latona - Supervisor of the Latent Fingerprint Section of the Identification Division of the FBI, was not able to. \*\*Why or how were the fingerprints removed? Why were no pictures of the prints taken (as is general procedure)?

Is there any truth to the rumor that FBI agents intimidated some witnesses (such as the Oswald's or Mrs. Helen Louise Markham)?

What is the real story behind "the magic bullet" Commission exhibit number 399?

Approximately how many agents were assigned to investigate the assassination?

Was or did Oswald ever work for the FBI or CIA (as an informant)?

Oswald's brother (Robert) stated that he had talked to his brother and that their conversation was taped. Why is there no mention of this conversation anywhere in any of the books? Was it that trivial, or did Robert Oswald just think that FBI agents were taping his talk with his brother?

Was Lee Oswald actually a "Poor Shot?"

This is a statement taken from Harold Weisberg's book Whitewash II, where he says, .... in his testimony on page 105 of Volume 5, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover raised the question the Commission should have asked and did not: "Why didn't he (Oswald) shoot the President as the car came toward the storehouse where he was working?" Hoover, without prompting, supplied the answer: "... there were some "trees" between his window on the sixth floor and the cars as they turned and went through the park....". There is a picture of these "trees" from that sixth-floor window, part of Exhibit 875, taken not by the FBI but by the Secret Service. As a fitting companion for the Emperor's clothes, Whitewash preserves these "trees" on page 201. In truth, Houston Street at the eastern end of Dealey Plaza, where the assassination occurred, is as barren of trees as the Emperor was of clothes. \*\*What is your comment on this?

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Most of these critics state that the FBI only used the testimony's of witnesses that suited the commission's purpose- of linking Lee Harvey Oswald with the assassination and only witnesses which could have been used as evidence to back-up the commission's explanations of certain incidents. If they could not find witnesses in agreement with their conclusions, they took out of content and distorted test-  
monys. \*\*What is your reaction to these claims?

Why were so many important documents withheld from examination and still others, destroyed or placed in the National Archives?

\*Personally, do you feel that if this investigation were to be undertaken today, the commission would still arrive at the exact same conclusions it found or do you feel that there would be some slight deviations? If so, in what certain area's?

Do you feel that you (FBI) were pressured into finding a speedy case and finding a suspect because of the consternation at that time?

If you did not answer any of the question's, I would still appreciate some sort of a reply.

Thank you very much for your time and effort!

Sincerely yours,

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