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The Honorable Clarence Kelly
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
9th and Pennsylvania Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Director Kelly:

In recent days, my father, the late H. L. Hunt, has been the subject of inaccurate charges made by individuals commenting upon the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. This letter requests information from you so that we may accurately respond to those charges.

As you may be aware, on February 6, 1977, an article appeared in The Dallas Morning News stating that the FBI was investigating a letter, xeroxed many times, to a "Mr. Hunt" dated November 8, 1963 from Lee Harvey Oswald shortly before the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The News reported that the text of the letter was:

"Dear Mr. Hunt,

I would like information concerning my position.

I am asking only for information. I am suggesting that we discuss the matter fully before any steps are taken by me or anyone else.

Thank you,

Lee Harvey Oswald"

Subsequently, national magazines and many newspapers carried articles which stated that the FBI was investigating the letter and that the letter had been sent to my father, the late H. L. Hunt. FBI agents have recently interviewed at least one Hunt Oil Company employee concerning this matter.

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On April 1, 1977, further allegations were made by the Dutch journalist, Willem Oltmans, against my father based upon data he says he received from George DeMohrenschildt. Once again, charges and reports were made that the FBI was investigating this matter and these charges and reports received much attention from the national media.

In both instances, we have denied and vigorously protested these allegations. Copies of our statements released to the press concerning both the purported letter from Lee Harvey Oswald (March 4, 1977) and the later charges by Mr. Oltmans (April 1, 1977) are attached.

One of the characteristics of our social system is that unsubstantiated charges can be hurled pell-mell by anyone and given great national attention by the press. The principle of "freedom of the press" is one which I completely respect and wholeheartedly endorse, but if media commentary is based upon statements and information which are known to be false or provided with reckless disregard for their truth, great harm can be done.

Great harm has been done to my father's memory in recent days, and in an effort to correct what I believe are flat misstatements of fact, I'm taking the liberty of writing you to ask for a reply to the questions below which, if received, will be in our possession and subject to release publicly as needed to refute charges implying that my father had ever engaged in the activities referenced below or was under investigation by the FBI because of these charges. Specifically, I would appreciate very much your answering the following questions:

1. Has the FBI investigation of the alleged letter from Oswald to a "Mr. Hunt" determined whether or not the letter was in fact an authentic letter from Oswald?

2. Was the alleged letter addressed to Mr. H. L. Hunt? Alternatively, does the agency have any reason to believe that the letter was meant to be delivered to H. L. Hunt?

3. Did the so-called Oswald letter bear credible evidence that it was addressed to a "Mr. Hunt" in Dallas, Texas? Alternatively, could it have been addressed to a "Mr. Hunt" in some other locale such as Florida, Mexico, Cuba, etc.?

4. Does the FBI have any credible evidence to support a belief that H. L. Hunt was in any way connected with the assassination of President Kennedy?

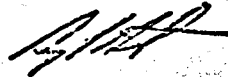
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5. Have any previous investigations by the Bureau brought forth any credible evidence that H. L. Hunt ever knew or was ever associated with George DeMohrenschildt?

I am sure that you will understand why I hope to receive a response from you concerning these questions in the near future. If my father were alive today, he could and would readily defend himself against the malevolent allegations leveled by a person who I feel may very well have committed perjury before a Committee of the United States House of Representatives.

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. I look forward to your response in the near future.

Sincerely,



Ray L. Hunt
Executor
Estate of H. L. Hunt

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Attachments