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J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

While I recognize that it is not the usual practice of the Bureau to single out individual agents in connection with the services performed for any governmental task, I think it only proper in this case for the Commission to thank you and the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the very special contribution made by a number of your people to the investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Al Belmont was especially helpful in his many acts of cooperation and his general supervision of the investigative work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the Commission. I wish you to know how much we appreciated the aid and assistance of James R. Malley in handling the various investigative requests that the Commission made throughout this twelve-month period. He was always generously cooperative and often of special assistance in helping us to get some investigations completed within special time limits.

On Lyndal L. Shaneyfelt, Robert A. Brazier, Leo J. Gauthier, Sebastian F. Latona, Cortlandt Cunningham, Paul M. Stombaugh, and James C. Cadigan, we depended for technical information and testimony which was furnished to the Commission with the highest skill and deserved and received the full confidence of all of those who worked with what they supplied. The exhaustive demands upon Gordon Shanklin and his staff became legend at the Commission, but the help received from all of them was without limit and a major contribution to the investigation. I would also like to commend to you the following agents who were of great assistance to us: William Hines, Richard Rogge, Robert E. Lenihan, John Stokes, and William Branigan.

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In addition, there were the long reports compiled by Agents Gemberling, Clements and De Bruys to which the Commission constantly referred in its efforts to try to develop the truth regarding the entire matter.

All of these agents deserve special commendation and if there are others who made a like contribution and have been overlooked, they have not been included here only because of our failure to know of them.

Again let me say how much the Commission and all of those working with the Commission appreciate the invaluable investigatory activities of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in connection with their work.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Lee Rankin". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

J. Lee Rankin  
General Counsel