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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U.S. Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Hoover:

It has been alleged that the palmprint lifted from
Gerald's rifle by the Dallas police is false. This
allegation is supported by the statement that the FBI
told the press in an off-the-record briefing session on
November 23 or 24 that there was no palmprint on the
rifle. Will you please notify us whether at any time
the FBI told or let it be known to the press that there
was no palmprint on the rifle.

Your continued cooperation with the Commission is
appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

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SEE CE 2584. NOTE DATES.