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The Honorable Griffin B. Bell
Attorney General of the United States
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

Attention: Mr. Robert L. Keuch
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division, Room 2113

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Dear Mr. Attorney General:

In connection with its investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of President Kennedy, I am writing to recommend that the Department of Justice conduct digital image processing work in an effort to enhance the quality of a segment of a movie film that was taken by Charles L. Bronson a few minutes before the assassination of President Kennedy. The Bronson film is potentially significant because it may show movement by more than one person in the vicinity of the sixth floor southeast corner window from which Lee Harvey Oswald shot at the President. Because the film was not made available to the Committee's Photographic Evidence Panel until December 2, 1978, the Committee did not have funds available to authorize any sophisticated image enhancement analysis regarding this item.

The Committee's Photographic Evidence Panel did, however, indicate that enhancement efforts with this film are warranted (see enclosures). In particular, the Panel noted that since the quality of this film is superior to that of another film (by Robert V. Hughes) which was subjected to this type of analysis, there is now a greater likelihood of resolving the issue of how much motion, if any, can be discerned in the region of the sniper's window.

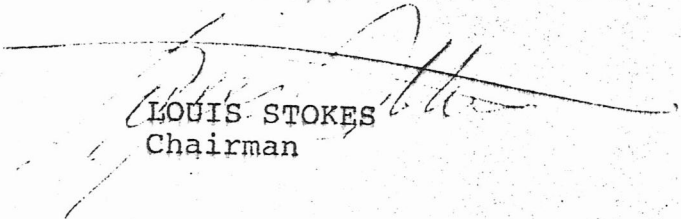
The Bronson film is presently in the possession of John Sigalos and Hal Levine, attorneys for Mr. Bronson, at 1300 Republic National Bank Building, Dallas, Texas 75201. Mr. Sigalos has expressed the willingness of his client to cooperate fully with the United States Government if digital image processing of this film is considered desirable.

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Should the Department decide to act favorably upon this recommendation, I would further advise that the Committee's photographic contractors or members of its Photographic Evidence Panel be retained either on a consulting basis or to perform the actual enhancement work. Because these scientists have reviewed the existing photographic evidence pertaining to the assassination and are therefore very familiar with the issues which this evidence has raised, they are perhaps best qualified to provide you with their assistance. A list of these individuals is attached.

Thank you for your cooperation regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



LOUIS STOKES
Chairman

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Attachments

cc: Ron Heller
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