

December 5, 1963

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Mrs. Theodore W. Wagner
461 Hawley Street
Rochester, New York 14611

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Dear Mrs. Wagner:

Your letter of November 23rd has been received.

I would like to point out that, as a Federal investigative agency, it is our obligation to disseminate information coming to our attention which indicates potential danger to the President or his family. The Secret Service is charged with protecting the President and the FBI promptly advises that agency of any data within our possession pertinent to this responsibility. However, the data we had from investigations of Oswald and from interviewing him gave absolutely no clue indicating he was a potential assassin.

The record of the FBI speaks for itself. Because of our reputation for competent and thorough investigations, we are sometimes criticized for failing to prevent a crime even though the crime was not within our jurisdiction and we had no opportunity to take preventive action. We hope that all citizens take into consideration the complete facts to avoid unjustifiably charging the FBI with failing to discharge its responsibilities.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

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