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Honorable John A. McCone  
Director of Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. McCone:

As you know, there have been suggestions in newspaper and magazine articles that Lee Harvey Oswald was an informant or agent of a United States intelligence or law enforcement agency. The agencies most frequently mentioned as having had this relationship with Oswald are the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency.

To deal with this issue, Director Hoover of the FBI has voluntarily furnished the Commission his affidavit that Oswald was never an informant or agent of the FBI. Mr. Hoover's affidavit is supported by the affidavits of other FBI representatives concerned, and is in sufficient detail to support its ultimate conclusion.

In view of the desirability of making the record as clear as possible on a matter of this importance, the Commission would greatly appreciate a similar affidavit from you with respect to the CIA and Oswald, with such supporting material as seems appropriate. I understand that Mr. Dallas has discussed this matter with you informally, and this will confirm his request.

On behalf of the Commission, I would like to thank you for your assistance to the work of the Commission.

Sincerely yours,

SIGNED

J. Lee Rankin  
General Counsel

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