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BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable J. Lee Rankin  
General Counsel  
The President's Commission  
200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to a telephone conversation between Mr. Howard P. Willens of your staff and Mr. James R. Malley of this Bureau on February 26, 1964. This conversation related to an alleged statement made by attorney William A. McKenzie to the effect that animosity existed between the U. S. Secret Service and the office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Dallas, Texas.

Enclosed for your information are two copies of a communication from our Dallas, Texas, Office dated February 28, 1964, relating to an interview with Mr. McKenzie on February 27, 1964, and the text of a letter received by our Dallas, Texas, Office from him on February 28, 1964. In this letter, Mr. McKenzie categorically denies ever having made such a statement or inferring same. Mr. McKenzie also points out he feels this Bureau and the U. S. Secret Service have done a "magnificent" job in handling their investigative responsibilities, and it has been his experience since becoming associated with this investigation that both agencies are "cooperating fully" in a "harmonious manner."

Sincerely yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*

Enclosures (2)