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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In view of your continuing investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy, it might be desirable and useful to develop information that was not available at the time of the preparation of the Commission's Report. In particular, it might be desirable to have specific information concerning the precise sources of the description of the suspected assassin broadcast over the Dallas Police Department radio network at 12:45 p.m. It is likely that this information came chiefly, if not entirely, from Edward Brennan, but the establishment of a complete chain of information from Brennan to the Police dispatcher could be most helpful in rounding out an account of this event. It would also be valuable to know whether the police and other law enforcement officers searching within the building, especially on the sixth floor, were ever notified that the shots had come from the window identified by Brennan. This might help explain why it was not until 40 minutes after the shooting that the shells and cartons were discovered at the window from which the shots came.

In the event that you do secure information on these matters, we should like very much to have copies of the reports for inclusion in the files of the Commission.

Sincerely,

*J. Lee Rankin*  
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General Counsel

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- 1 - W. C. Sullivan (R. E. Lenihan)
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Honorable J. Lee Rankin  
 General Counsel  
 The President's Commission  
 200 Maryland Avenue, Northeast  
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter dated November 2, 1964, suggesting additional investigation concerning the assassination of President John Fitzgerald Kennedy.

With regard to your suggestion that to determine the precise sources of the description of the assassin broadcast by the Dallas Police Department, it is pointed out by letter dated January 14, 1964, we responded to substantially the same matter. At this time you were informed the Dallas Police Department advised you at least was initiated on the basis of a description furnished by an unidentified citizen who had observed an individual approximating Oswald's description running from the Texas School Book Depository Building immediately after the assassination. It is not felt recontact with the Dallas Police Department on the same matter would be justified at this late date.

With regard to your other suggestion, we do not have any specific information as to the time it took local authorities to locate pertinent evidence on the sixth floor of the Texas School Book Depository Building; however, your investigation suggests local authorities were initially searching the building to locate a suspect in the assassination. Traffic congestion from the Presidential motorcade and the subsequent assassination could have

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contributed to the delay in the arrival of members of the Dallas Police Department Crime Laboratory. The significance of this time lapse is not readily apparent when considered in the light of the scientific examinations and findings of the evidence found.

In view of the above, no further investigation is being initiated in these matters.

Sincerely yours,

NOTE FOR SAC, DALLAS:

J. Edgar Hoover

LEE HARVEY OSWALD, AKA.  
IS - R - CUBA  
ATTENTION: CRIMINAL SECTION

Enclosed for your information is one copy of the Commission's letter dated 11-2-64. No further action in this matter is desired.

NOTE:

For full details see Rosen to Belmont memo dated 11-10-64, captioned "Lee Harvey Oswald, aka., IS - R - Cuba."  
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