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Office of the Director
National Security Agency
Fort George G. Meade, Maryland
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Dear Sir:

Subject: Commission Exhibit No. 111, of the
President's Commission on the Assassination
of President John F. Kennedy

In a letter dated 16 June 1968 from the Director NSA to
Mr. Rankin, General Counsel, the Director stated regarding
CE-111, "It is considered most unlikely that this process
of letter removal has any cryptographic implications."
It seems to me that Exhibit 111 is an example of a geo-
metrical technique known as the ~~Grille~~ Grille Cipher.
The Grille cipher is a rather elementary technique and I
fail to understand how it was that the cryptanalyst at
NSA or their supervisors could not have been aware of
this. Would you please inform me as to whether or not
the Agency still maintains this position?

Sincerely,
Robert X. Boucher

Enclosures (3)

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Dear Mr. Brown:

This will acknowledge your correspondence dated
29 October 1968 addressed to the Office of the Director
of this Agency.

In response to your reference to "Grille Cipher,"
please be advised that this Agency has long known of
this system. Furthermore, the National Security Agency
still considers it most unlikely that the Oswald
materials, cited as Exhibit No. 111 of the President's
Commission on the Assassination of President John F.
Kennedy, have any cryptographic implication.

Sincerely,
Robert X. Boucher
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