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September 23, 1964

BY COURIER SERVICE

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

Dear Mr. Rankin:

On September 22, 1964, during a discussion by you with J. R. Malley, the matter of information relating to the assassination of President Kennedy continuing to be referred to the FBI and subsequent investigations made as a result of these referrals was discussed in some detail. Particular reference was made to the necessity of this Bureau, as the investigating agency, being able to refer results of its investigation to some authority designated for such purpose after the termination of the President's Commission.

It is quite possible that information relating to the assassination of President Kennedy will continue to be received for an indefinite period of time and the FBI will continue to fulfill its responsibilities in checking out to the fullest all information which is received.

It would be appreciated if you would advise the name of the appropriate authority to receive such investigation conducted by this Bureau following termination of the President's Commission.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Edgar Hoover", is written below the typed name.

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October 15, 1964

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

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In answer to your letter of September 23, 1964, and your inquiry therein concerning the appropriate authority to receive information as to the results of any investigations that you may make, or have made, after September 24, 1964, relating to the assassination of President Kennedy, I have been instructed to advise you that those matters should be handled, insofar as the Commission is concerned, the same as any other investigation involving law enforcement.

The Commission was advised that its responsibilities, except as to closing out its operations and the publication of its hearings and exhibits, were terminated as of the delivery of its Report to the President on September 24, 1964.

The Commission greatly appreciates all that you and the Bureau have done in assisting its work.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel

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