

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
WASHINGTON

August 31, 1964

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Thank you for your letter of August 31, 1964. You may be assured that my office will continue to provide assistance and advice to the Secret Service along the lines outlined in your letter. I concur with your judgement that the increasingly complex nature of Presidential protection requires that the Secret Service have access to the best scientific advice if it is to keep protection abreast of the latest developments from the scientific community.

Sincerely yours,

Donald F. Hornig
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Director

Honorable Douglas Dillon
The Secretary of the Treasury
Washington, D. C.

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Secretary of the Treasury
Washington

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Dear Dr. Hornig:

Since the assassination of President Kennedy, the Secret Service has initiated a number of studies with a view to improving the protection afforded to the President. Your office has been of great assistance in arranging for studies covering scientific and technical aspects of protection. In previous years, your office had also provided informal technical and scientific advice to the Secret Service on various aspects of Presidential protection.

In the view of this Department the assistance of your office has been of great value to the Secret Service, and it is my hope that this relationship can be continued over the years ahead. In particular, I hope that your office can:

1. Inform the Secret Service or arrange to have it kept informed of scientific developments of possible use in providing protection to the President, the Vice President and their families.
2. Advise, or arrange for scientific advice to, the Secret Service in connection with specific problems of Presidential protection as they may arise.
3. Review from time to time the technical aspects of the protection operations of the Secret Service and its development program and assist it in establishing priorities and schedules for introducing technical or scientific improvements.

The problems in the area of Presidential protection are likely to be increasingly complex, and the importance of adequate protection for the President is of course vital to our national interest. Your assistance to the Secret Service fills an important need and is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

signed Douglas Dillon

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