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Dear Mr. Lane:

You will recall that during the course of your testimony before the Commission on March 4, 1964, you stated that you had information concerning an alleged meeting involving Bernard Weissman, Jack Ruby and Officer Tippit. You advised the Commission that you would request permission of your informant to reveal his name to the Commission. On March 18, 1964, we asked whether you were in a position to furnish this information and on March 27 you advised us that you would contact the Commission when you had received permission from your source to reveal his name.

In view of the importance of this matter to the work of the Commission, we ask that you reveal promptly the identity of your informant. If you feel that you are unable to furnish this name on a voluntary basis, the Commission will consider invoking the power of subpoena given to the Commission by Congress.

We also call your attention to page 76 of your public testimony in which you were asked whether you possessed any documentary evidence other than that which you submitted to the Commission. Your reply was "Not beyond what I have submitted or made reference to." The Commission has been advised that you have publicly stated that you have a tape recording of a statement by a witness to the Tippit slaying in which this witness states that the man who shot Officer Tippit was short and had bushy hair. I assume that the witness is Miss Helen Markham who, according to your testimony before the Commission, has provided you with information of this nature. In view of the importance of Miss Markham's testimony, we would appreciate receiving from you the tape which you are purported to have claimed to have in your possession. We will return the tape to you after we have had the opportunity to listen to it.

Sincerely,

J. Lee Rankin
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