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Honorable Walter W. Jenkins
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Jenkins:

My letter of March 6, 1964, discussed the President's inquiry concerning the article appearing in the March 5, 1964, issue of the "Baltimore Sun" which referred to a forged document circulated in Brazil and critical references to Assistant Secretary of State Thomas C. Mann.

Through our liaison representative in Brazil we have secured the alleged United States Information Service (USIS) press release in question, together with samples of authentic USIS press release stationery. We have also secured specimens from fifty-three typewriters used by USIS employees in Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The FBI Laboratory has concluded that the USIS press release in question is, in fact, a forgery based on differences in paper characteristics and letterhead printing found when compared with the authentic USIS stationery. The FBI Laboratory has also concluded that none of the fifty-three typewriters, specimens from which were furnished by our liaison representative, were used to type the forged press release or the letter which forwarded the release to the Rio de Janeiro newspaper "Folha Da Manha."

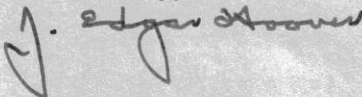
It is now quite apparent that this press release was a fraudulent document, probably prepared for the purpose of embarrassing the United States. While the origin of the document is unknown, it has been reported only in Brazil and may, therefore, have been prepared in that country. We are informed that the Central Intelligence Agency, the Department of State, and the United States Information Agency are on the alert for any repetition or additional such releases.

Honorable Walter W. Jenkins
Washington, D. C.

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I have instructed my Legal Attache in Brazil to call to my attention any additional activities of this nature, in order that you may be informed promptly.

Sincerely,

 J. Edgar Hoover