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Mr. Clint Eastwood
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Dear Mr. Eastwood:

Those who have served in the FBI under Director J. Edgar Hoover were most pleased when it was announced that such a well regarded motion picture icon would be producing and directing a production on the life of J. Edgar Hoover.

Our enthusiastic approval has been dampened by recent media articles with comments from Dustin Lance Black that the film would portray a sexual relationship between Mr. Hoover and his long time deputy Clyde Tolson.

There is no basis in fact for such a portrayal of Mr. Hoover. It would be a grave injustice and a monumental distortion to proceed with such a depiction based on a completely unfounded and spurious assertion.

The FBI personnel who worked closely with Mr. Hoover were certainly aware of his every move and they regard the allegation as false and

unfounded. On a personal note, both my father-in-law and I worked for Mr. Hoover and the FBI for a combined period of five decades and found such allegations to be ludicrous, as did our fellow Agents.

These allegations spun by an author of questionable repute and sensationalized writings were "based" upon information provided during a paid interview of an unreliable individual with past convictions for perjury. Not surprisingly, these falsehoods were picked up by the media and served to an uninformed public as "truth."

I am aware that you spoke at length with Cartha "Deke" DeLoach, our Chairman Emeritus, who advised that such allegations are just not true. Deke DeLoach had a distinguished career as Mr. Hoover's assistant and knew him better than any living American. To discount the truth and portray a sexual relationship between Mr. Hoover and Clyde Tolson would truly be a miscarriage of the facts and overshadow the many contributions of Mr. Hoover.

In closing, I would point out that it is my sincere hope, and the hope of the thousands of Agents who worked for Mr. Hoover, that his image not be distorted by a false portrayal. While they may not have been perfect in all respects, Mr. Hoover and Clyde Tolson were dedicated public servants and do not deserve to be maligned based on completely unfounded assertions concerning their private lives.

I thank you for your time and sincerely hope that you will see fit to portray Mr. Hoover as he truly was, a great public servant dedicated to the FBI and service to the American public, and leave revisionist history to lesser Hollywood types.

Sincerely,



W. D. Branon

MALPASO PRODUCTIONS

April 13, 2011

Mr. William D. Brannon
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Dear Mr. Branon,

Thank you for sharing with us your insight on Mr. J. Edgar Hoover. Please rest assured that we do not give any credence to cross-dressing allegations made by Susan Rosenstiel, nor do we intend to portray an open homosexual relationship between Mr. Hoover and Clyde Tolson.

Our interest lies in the fascinating role J. Edgar Hoover played in American history, having served under eight U.S. presidents. He was a patriot who did many great things for his country by advancing the FBI, and like any man of character, he had flaws as well. Though no one can know his private side with certainty, we hope that a thoughtful, intelligent portrayal of the man will put his life story in proper historical context.

Kind regards,



Clint Eastwood
Director, Producer



Robert Lorenz
Producer