

# GRADUATE RESEARCH CENTER

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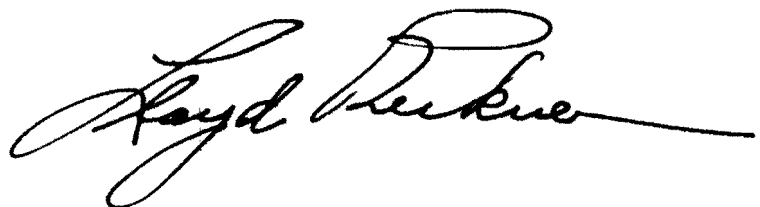
To the Faculty and Staff, GRCSW and SCAS

We are all stricken with grief by the events of the day of tragedy, November 22, 1963. That the President was here as the personal guest of our institution can only deepen our sense of mourning. The day started as a happy one, with the clearing weather. Both the President and our now new President spoke to me warmly of our scientific and educational goals.

President Kennedy was to have made a major national and international address at Dallas. His first words were to have been about the Center and its place in the development of the social fabric of our nation. I know you would like to see what he planned to say, and I am conveying to you his never-spoken words.

I know that these tragic events will move all of us deeply, and that we will unconsciously redouble our efforts to build the intellectual qualifications of our institution and of our nation, about which our late President, here as our guest, was to speak so graciously.

The crisis of events of our time will rally the support of the region around our objectives as never before.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lloyd Perkins". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned at the bottom right of the page.