

March 12, 1964

Dear Mr. Ruby,

At such a crucial time in your life I want you to know you are not alone in your desire that the twelve people in Dallas will be aware of your innocence.

The person whose life you took committed more than murder. He took from this nation the finest example of what this nation stands for. He took the life of a man devoted to goodness both for his country and his family. When he was despicably shot down, millions felt outrage because they knew the loss of John F. Kennedy was a loss in progress for the good of all.

This outrage made many insane. People almost everywhere wanted a chance to destroy he that so wantonly took our President's life. The only way you differed from others, was that you had the opportunity. Had you not been there that day, somewhere somehow he would have been killed. There were too too many people against him.

For those who argue you committed the same crime as the President's assassin, they need only recall the loss they suffered last November. The nature of the loss was such that it made you, as others, so insane that correct reasoning was lost for a time.

Again, I hope the jury, as well as people everywhere, will realize this. And that you, perhaps just a little more than others, realized the man John F. Kennedy was, and shall always be remember as.

Sincerely,

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