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MORE ON LITTLE "D" . . . My good friend Jack Freeman has written me a rather lengthy letter disagreeing with my comments about Dallas, Texas. Mr. Freeman (a prominent local real estate man, hypnotist and boxing announcer)

says I got a little carried away in this instance and that I should know better than to deprecate generally rather than individually. He asks if I would blame New York for Murder Inc. or Brooklyn for Lucky Luciano or Chicago for Al Capone, etc., etc., etc. He says hardly an area in the world would be free from stigma if my opinions were followed. Frank tells me Dallas is a beautiful city with nice homes. He lived there for several years and tells me it is truly a cosmopolitan city of the Southwest. I agree all should not be blamed for the actions of

a few, but in the case of Dallas (and after much sober reasonable thought) I must continue to disagree with Frank (and many others) who take the other position. Berlin was a great cultural city in Europe, yet it deserves blame for Hitler. I am sure there were many Berliners who were nice people and all that jazz, but I deal in facts and the facts I believe bear my case out. I shall now proceed to build for you a case of condemnation against Dallas, Texas. None of the evidence presented will be of a circumstantial nature. New York had its Lucianos and Murder Inc. and that scene, but it also had its Tom Dewey's, who with public encouragement saw their eventual demise.

NOW FOR LITTLE D . . . Dallas, Texas, Frank and dear readers, is the city where: United States Ambassador to the United Nations and twice presidential candidate Adlai Stevenson was spat upon while addressing a public rally. Not just pickets, but spitters and throwers . . . H. L. Hunt, one of the most bigoted anti-Americans lives and has built his vast empire. Mr. Hunt with the support of many of his fellow "citizens," publishes hate literature of a type that might make Mr. Welch blush . . . The major newspapers accepted an advertisement from an unnamed group on the day of the President's visit, which called the late chief executive a traitor. The ad had black borders . . . The President of the United States was gunned down in an open automobile by an alleged assassin who was permitted to enter the building from which the shots were fired by members of the Dallas police, who did not think about searching a wrapped up item he called curtain rods . . . The accused assassin is then gunned down while handcuffed to a member of the Dallas police force by a man who was permitted entry to the area by the Dallas police who really didn't give it a second thought . . . A district attorney announces he has captured the GUILTY party who killed the President, then announces to the press at the trial of the alleged assassin's killer that the man should die because he killed an INNOCENT man . . . Where the judge in the major trial hires a press agent . . . Where Gerald L. K. Smith thrives with the greatest anti-semitic movement in the United States . . . Where a 12-person jury takes about two hours to decide the fate of a man in a case that has produced many discussions among leading psychiatrists around the country . . . Where a Negro could not have served on that jury . . . I could go on and on.

I COULD IMFER YOU (who disagree) and Mr. Freeman to check the Saturday Evening Post of a couple of weeks ago which contained an article by a leading citizen of Dallas, who accuses his city of blame and announces he is ashamed of his city, then blames himself for having listened to the spew of hate coming from this dynamo of the Southwest and not doing anything about it in the months previous to the tragedy. He tells of the rising numbers of hate groups, of local editorials defaming the highest office in the land, of people wishing the Kennedys hanged. All in dandy Dallas. I am sure there are thousands of nice people there, who live in nice homes and who wouldn't harm a fly, but they deserve shame and blame. Shame in their police force, their judges, their district attorney, their newspapers, their bigotry, etc. And blame, too, blame for not speaking out about it, not doing anything about it! Mr. Boli compared Dallas to Nazi Germany and, despite the fact the charge was obviously made in a moment of extreme emotionalism, he wasn't too far wrong. A city is to blame for the incompetence of its elected officials, for the success of its hate press, for the lack of efficiency in its police force, for the lack of protection of its jails (remember that breakout during the Ruby trial?), for elements of its citizenry that would spit on an eminent American. New York and Chicago and Miami and Los Angeles have many things to be guilty and ashamed about, but they do have some counterbalances. Dallas has few. If they think killing Jack Ruby will cleanse the souls of a filthy episode they are sadly mistaken. They deserve their shame and their blame and the true test is now. What happens to Dallas tomorrow might change my mind. As for today, I wouldn't even want to visit.

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