

November 27, 1963

Mr. Jack Rubenstein
c/o Dallas County Jail
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Rubenstein;

You are probably getting a lot of crazy letters, and perhaps you will never even receive my letter. I hope you do, though, because it is not the writing of a hateful or condemning fanatic. It is written by a seventeen year old, Jewish, high school girl.

I have followed every step of the Kennedy assassination, and what you did was a surprise. I expected that to happen, but I didn't think it was possible. I did not condemn your act, but I want you to know that I think I understand your motive for doing it. I do not hate Lee Harvey Oswald. I cannot hate anyone, for it is a sin to hate. It is just not in my heart to hate anyone or anything. My attitude may seem surprising to you, Mr. Rubenstein, but that is just the way I am.

I was sick when I learned of the president's death. I think everyone was! You must have felt especially bad to commit the act which you did. Other people may say that you had no right to do what you did. I agree that you have no right to try to take the law in your own hands, or to play G-d, but I sincerely hope that the law finds you "temporarily insane" at the time of the shooting. If your lawyer succeeds in getting you free, you should take a long vacation and try to relax. Forgetting everything for awhile would do you a world of good. I live very close to your brother who lives here in Southfield. If you come to stay with him for awhile, I will come and talk to you.

You're probably wondering why I'm bothering to write to you. I'll explain it to you. I think that you are probably a very sweet, sympathetic, religious, and understanding man. Although you have been known to have a vicious temper, you must be a basically sympathetic person to do what you did for the REASON that you did it.

If you have time during your stay there, I'd love to hear from you. I'm sure you are allowed to write to people if you want to, aren't you? I'm hoping to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

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