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Mr. Jack Ruby  
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Dear Mr. Ruby:

This is Thanksgiving morning and as I've been thinking about some of the things I'm thankful for my thoughts kept turning to you. Yes, Jack, I'm thankful to you and for you. Somehow it seemed just a little less painful to see our President buried knowing that the one who killed him had already paid his penalty and by the same token it would, to me, have compounded the insult and injury of this enormous crime had there been a long delay in exacting his punishment from this man who killed my president.

Of course I'm aware of all the arguments that will be used to condemn you - anarchy; two wrongs not making a right; mob rule - and all the rest but somehow at this moment my thoughts turn to Jesus Christ's words. I recall that when Mary, the woman who had been forgiven much anointed Him with expensive ointment there were those present who accused her of not acting in the best interests of society but Jesus said "let her alone, she hath done what she could." Mark 14: 6-8. In the same way I feel that you have done what you could out of devotion to our President. You didn't stop to count the cost but you know that the death of our friend and leader must be avenged and you figuratively already laid down your life for him just as thousands of American boys have laid down their lives at the call of their President. Jesus said "greater love hath no man than this; that a man lay down his life for his friends."

I don't know what the courts will demand of you as penalty. I hope and pray that they will not punish you

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