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Mr. Jack Ruby
Dallas County Jail
Dallas, Texas

Mr. Ruby:

Upon hearing the news that you have received several letters expressing gratitude for your killing Mr. Lee H. Oswald, we would like to inform you that we most ardently oppose this attitude.

Presuming that you are an enlightened citizen of the United States of America -- if not enlightened, at least a true patriot since you killed the man who tried to subvert the system of these United States by assassinating its Chief Executive -- presuming the above, we will allow ourselves to bring to your attention some vital points in this matter:

- a.) A citizen of the United States takes part in governing the country through his vote and freedom of speech only. A citizen has freedom of action only to the extent it does not harm the existent social and legal system of the nation, i.e. freedom of action does not allow one to kill another person, except in some cases of self-defense.
- b.) That you, being a citizen of the United States and having the privilege to vote in the world's first and greatest democracy, that you did not observe the very essence of democracy should give you material for some reflection upon your fulfillment of your duty as a citizen.

Undoubtedly, many persons can understand your emotional instability caused by the violent death of the late President John F. Kennedy. But, very few true citizens of this democracy can accept that you "took the law in your own hands" and acted as a self-appointed judge without hearing any evidence, and performed the subsequent execution of Mr. Oswald.

Such an action may be more subversive and dangerous to the free institutions which this nation cherishes than the very error of Mr. Oswald which you "corrected."

Your anarchistic act is deeply regretted and abhorred.

Very truly yours,

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