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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

February 24, 1967

Mr. Frank M. Wozencraft
Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legal Counsel
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Wozencraft:

Thank you for your letter of February 25 in which you explain it would not be possible to empanel a grand jury on the subject of the death of President Kennedy.

I certainly appreciate your prompt and clear response.

Sincerely yours,

Frank E. Evans

FRANK E. EVANS
Member of Congress

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RUBY CASE DEATH SILENT IN FLORIDA

Suicide Doubt by Brother of Stripper's Husband

PENSACOLA, Fla., Feb. 22 (AP)—County Solicitor Earl Harper began an investigation today of the death of a man who left Dallas after President Kennedy's assassination, because his brother thought he was being constantly harassed by agents or police.

The man, Thomas Killam, moved to Pensacola from Tampa, then to Pensacola to escape, according to his brother Earl. His wife, Wanda Killam, worked as a stripper for Jack Ruby, the brother said.

Three days before he was found dead amid the shattered glass of a department store window March 17, 1964, Mr. Killam said, according to his brother, "I'm a dead man. I've run as far as I'm going to run."

The brother, however, Killam had never described the agents or police as harassing him thoroughly enough to determine whether he was being followed by Federal agents, he said, or by someone else.

Mr. Killam said the police today to exhume his brother's body to find out about the death. The police listed the death as suicide. "Did you ever see a man committing suicide jumping through a plate glass window?" the brother asked.

Long time employee of the Dallas office, Mr. Killam also worked as a house painter with a man named Jack Carter, who had once lived in a Dallas boarding house with Lee Harry Oswald, the brother said.

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AIR MAIL

Mr. I. L. Hunyady,
10 Elliot St.,
Johnsonville,
Wellington, New Zealand

WTF 3/9

Dear Mr. Hunyady:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of
February 23, 1967, addressed to Mrs. J. D. Roberts, secre-
tary to President Johnson, concerning the assassination
of President Kennedy.

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Sincerely yours,

Frank M. Wozencraft
Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legal Counsel

By Martin F. Richman
First Assistant

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: The Attorney General

Date: March 2, 1967

ACTION REQUESTED

- Draft reply for:
 - President's signature.
 - Undersigned's signature.
- Memorandum for use as enclosure to reply.
- Direct reply.
- Furnish information copy.
- Suitable acknowledgment or other appropriate handling.
- Furnish copy of reply, if any.
- For your information.
- For comment.

NOTE

Prompt action is essential.

If more than 48 hours' delay is encountered, please telephone the undersigned immediately, Code 1450.

Basic correspondence should be returned when draft reply, memorandum, or comment is requested.

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Description:

Letter: Telegram: Other:

To: Mrs. Juanita Roberts, Personal Secy. to the President

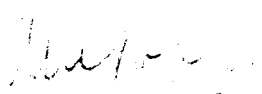
From: Mr. I. L. Hunyady, 10 Elliot St., Johnsonville, Wellington, New Zealand

Date: 2/23/67

Subject: The Manchester book and how it relates to "his case".

By direction of the President:

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Paul M. Popple
Assistant to the President

(Copy to remain with correspondence)

Mr I.L. Hunyady

10 Elliot St
Johnsonville
Wellington
New Zealand

Mrs J.D. Roberts
Pers sec. to Pres
Washington

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE	R
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OFFICE OF ^{RAO} LEGAL COUNSEL	C O R D

Re: The book on "Operation
Coup d'Etat material in
NZ and essential for the
same in the USA etc.

Madame,
in the security interests of your country please
allow me to bring your attention in connection
with the above rel. matter upon "my case"
out here, and if you think the details sufficient
please let it known to the President.

My references are: the P.M.'s of NZ, Australia,
England, Lord Mountbatten at Brisbane-London,
the President of the USA etc.

Yours I.L. Hunyady
(Ex-16. contact in Hungary)

THE DEATH OF A PRESIDENT

BY WILLIAM MANCHESTER



UNLIKE THE priest, Dr. Earl Rose was to suffer a...
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"might be part of a world-
wide plot." In Johnson's
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half months later he suggest-
ed that the Attorney General
had agreed with this inter-
pretation and had "discussed
practical problems at
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DAILY NEWS - 2-23-67

Mr. J. J. Gaffney
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Inquiry Into Suicide Asked

PENSACOLA, Fla., Feb. 23 (AP) — He had been harrassed constantly by "agents" since the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and he'd had enough, Thomas Killam told his brother in the winter of 1964.

Two days later, on March 17, street cleaners in downtown Pensacola heard predawn noises "like a trash truck picking up glass bottles."

Investigating, they found the body of Killam on a street amid the splinters of a shattered department store plate glass window. A three-inch gash in his neck had severed the jugular vein and carotid artery. Police viewed the death as apparent suicide.

But Earl Killam called for a new investigation into the death yesterday. "Did you ever hear of a man committing suicide by jumping thru a plate glass window?" he asked.

Mr. Killam's request apparently was prompted by an investigation in New Orleans by Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison into the possibility President Kennedy's assassination was a plot formulated in New Orleans rather than the individual act of Lee Harvey Oswald in Dallas.

In a copyrighted story in the Pensacola News-Journal, Mr. Killam indicated his brother was investigated after Kennedy's death because his wife was a stripper in the nightclub of Jack Ruby, who shot Oswald to death at the Dallas City Jail.

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Mr. William Loeb
Publisher
Manchester Union Leader
Manchester, New Hampshire

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Dear Mr. Loeb:

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Your telegram and letter of February 22 to the President, calling for action by the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York to procure an injunction against the play "MacBird", have been referred to this Department for reply.

Your concern for the reputation and the feelings of the President is appreciated. However, there is no basis in Federal law for the Department of Justice to seek to enjoin performance of a play that purports to be a political satire, regardless of how unfair or tasteless it may be.

Sincerely yours,

Frank M. Wozencraft
Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legal Counsel

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Feb. 24, 1967

TO: Hon. Ramsey Clark

For your attention and direct
reply to William Loeb.

Harry C. McPherson, Jr.

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Deputy Attorney General

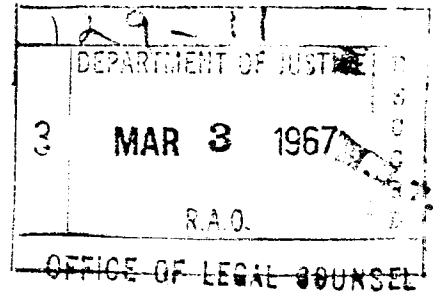
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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

THE PLAY MAC BIRD WHICH OPENED WEDNESDAY IN NEW YORK CITY AS WELL AS THE BOOK ON WHICH IT IS BASED, LEAVES THE IMPRESSION CONTRARY TO THE AUTHORS PROTESTATIONS THAT YOU WERE INVOLVED IN THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY. SUCH A BOOK AND SUCH A PLAY VIOLATE EVERY CONCEPT OF DECENCY AS WELL AS PATRIOTISM AND FAIR PLAY. THE GUARANTEES OF FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND PRESS



CERTAINLY COVER POLITICAL SATIRES SUCH AS GILBERT & SULLIVANS
OPERAS, KAUFMAN'S 'OF THEE I SING' AND MANY OTHER HARD HITTING
ATTACKS, ON POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS AND POLITICAL LEADERS,
BUT CONSTITUTIONAL GUARANTEES OF RIGHTS OF FREE SPEECH DO NOT
COVER ACCUSING A PRIVATE CITIZEN, LET ALONG A PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES, OF MURDER.

INCENSED BY THE MAC BIRD PLAY AND WANTING TO SPARE YOU
FROM DOING ANYTHING ABOUT IT, THIS NEWSPAPER ASKED ITS BOSTON
LAWYERS, MALLOY, SULLIVAN & SULLIVAN TO CONSULT WITH NEW YORK
CITY COUNSEL TO SEE WHAT COULD BE DONE BY A PRIVATE CITIZEN

TO BRING AN INJUNCTION AGAINST SHOWING THIS PLAY. FINDING THAT NO ACTION IS OPEN TO A PRIVATE CITIZEN, WE SUGGEST THAT YOU ASK THE U.S. ATTORNEY, IN THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK TO TAKE ACTION. THIS IS NOT WITHOUT PRECEDENT. MY GODFATHER, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, THEODORE ROOSEVELT, BROUGHT A SUCCESSFUL LIBEL ACTION AGAINST A MAN, CALLED BARNES, IN NEW YORK STATE WHO HAD ACCUSED HIM OF EXCESSIVE USE OF ALCOHOL.

YOU MAY FEEL THIS PLAY IS BENEATH, THE DIGNITY OF YOUR NOTICE, BUT I WOULD SUGGEST THAT IN MY ESTIMATION THIS PLAY ASSISTS A CONCERTED EFFORT TO SPREAD AS WIDELY AS POSSIBLE

A VICIOUS RUMOR, CONNECTING YOU WITH THE ASSASSINATION OF
PRESIDENT KENNEDY, TO DESTROY THE COMPETENCE OF THE PEOPLE
OF THE UNITED STATES, IN THE PRESIDENCY ITSELF. THIS IS NOT
JUST A COOKY INCIDENT, BUT A COOKY GROUP, WHICH CAN'T BE
IGNORED WITHOUT HARM TO THE NATION

WILLIAM LOEB PUBLISHER MANCHESTER UNION LEADER.

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

ROUTE SLIP

(To remain with correspondence)

Date: February 24, 1967

TO: Acting Attorney General

Prompt handling is essential. Correspondence should be answered or other necessary action taken within 48 hours after arrival at the department or agency. If any delay is encountered, please telephone office of the undersigned.

Please handle the attached correspondence as indicated below:

- A. Reply on behalf of the President XX
- B. Draft for presidential signature.....
- C. Draft for undersigned's signature
- D. Other:
 - (1) For background briefing on which to base reply from this office
 - (2) For suitable acknowledgement or other appropriate handling
 - (3) For your information
 - (4) For comment

Furnish this office with a copy of your reply. Yes No XX

Return the original correspondence to this office. Yes No XX

REMARKS:

Ltr to The President, February 22, 1967, from William Loeb, President, Manchester Union Leader, Manchester, N. H. enclosing copy of his newspaper of Wed, Feb 22, 1967 with marked editorial calling for an injunction against the play "MacBird"

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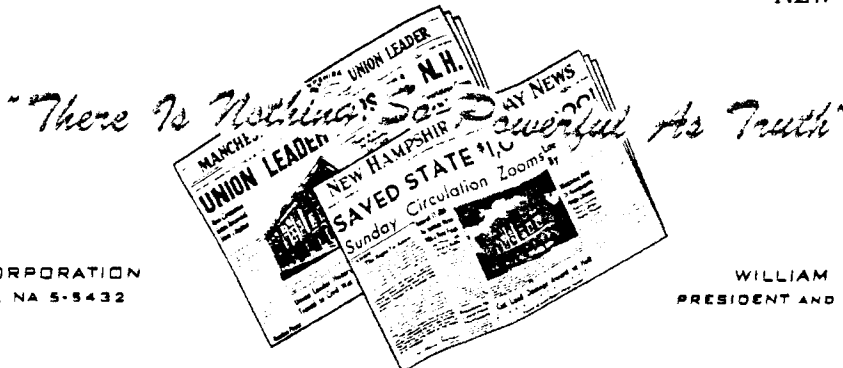
By direction of the President:

Harry C. McPherson, Jr.
Special Counsel to the President

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WILLIAM LOEB
PRESIDENT AND PUBLISHER

February 22, 1967
(tel. dict.)

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

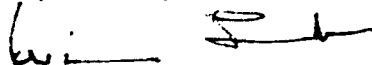
The enclosed copy of our newspaper for today, with a marked front page editorial calling for an injunction against the play, "MacBird", which implies that you were responsible for the murder of President Kennedy, speaks for itself.

There is no point of ignoring this because this play does not represent a single incident but, rather, just one step in a long campaign to vilify you which is being carefully promoted by the left wingers.

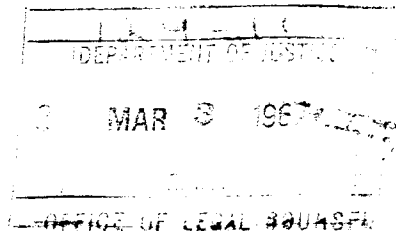
It is necessary to stop this campaign before it goes too far.

Regards.

Very sincerely,


William Loeb
President

WL:Miss F. J. Mullally



An Editorial

No Murderer In The White House

Not being deterred by any question of patriotism, Christian charity, good faith, good manners or just plain decency, the "MacBird!" play, which implies that President Johnson was involved in the murder of President Kennedy, opens today in New York City.

If an ordinary every-day American citizen were accused of being involved with murder in a play which was thus publicly produced, he would be able to do three things: (1) He could go to the district attorney and ask him to swear out a complaint for criminal libel against the producer and author. (2) He could obtain an injunction against further showing of the play on the ground that it caused irreparable damage to his reputation. (3) He would surely win a libel action against those responsible for the play.

Why should not the President of the United States receive the same protection under the laws as does the every-day American citizen?

AN EDITORIAL

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The freedom of speech and expression guaranteed by the Constitution does not cover criminal libel. It is not an absolute freedom. As a Justice of the United States Supreme Court, the late Oliver Wendell Holmes, long ago said, the doctrine of free speech does not allow a man to stand up in a crowded theater and scream "Fire!" when there is no fire.

The amusing, light-opera musical comedies of Gilbert and Sullivan which, in Queen Victoria's day, poked fun at the House of Lords, the Navy, the Army, the courts and other institutions that Great Britain regarded as almost sacred at that time, angered the stuffed-shirts of that day but in no play was there any implication of any criminal wrong-doing by any of the institutions against whom the fun was poked.

In the 1930s the musical comedies of Playwright Kaufman, such as "Of Thee I Sing," poked devastating fun at U. S. politics. They might have annoyed the party in power but they accused no one of criminal activity, let alone such an act as murder.

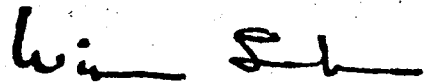
This newspaper believes in the right of the American citizen to criticize the Presidency. The godfather of this writer, President of the United States Theodore Roosevelt, once said: "Patriotism means to stand by the country. It does not mean to stand by the President . . . It is unpatriotic not to oppose him to the exact extent that by inefficiency or otherwise he fails in his duty to stand by the country . . . It is unpatriotic not to tell the truth—whether about the President or anyone else."

As our readers well know, this newspaper did not support President Johnson for the presidency. It is not a particularly great admirer of his.

This paper has gone so far as to offend some of its readers by referring to President Eisenhower as "Dopey" and calling President Kennedy a liar for his statements in connection with the Cuban missile crisis but to accuse the President of the United States by implication of being involved in a murder, as the "MacBird!" play does, is going too far. It offends every sense of propriety and decency and it is high time someone in this nation took a stand for the proprieties and decencies.

This newspaper has asked its attorneys to research IMMEDIATELY if there is any action this newspaper can take to ask the U. S. attorney in the Southern District of New York to request the appropriate court to issue an injunction against the further showing of the "MacBird!" play.

If you and this writer can't recklessly be called a murderer, certainly the President of the United States shouldn't be open to such abuse.



Publisher

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Loeb Seeks To Block 'MacBird!' Opening

A theatrical drama whose plot seeks to implicate President Johnson in the assassination of John F. Kennedy was denounced Tuesday by Manchester News-
paper Publisher William Loeb, who said he is asking a court injunction to have the play shut down when it opens today in New York City.

The play titled "MacBird!" is authored by Mrs. Barbara Gar-

son, 25-year-old recent graduate of the University of California at Berkeley. According to reviewers, who have previewed showings at the Village Gate Theater it strongly and openly implies that the then Vice President Johnson was involved directly in the 1963 slaying of the late President Kennedy.

Loeb in a front page editorial scheduled for all Wednesday editions of the Manchester Union Leader says that if any ordinary citizen were the target of such a play he would have recourse to at least three remedial actions.

Number one, Loeb writes, "he MacBird!"

could go to the district attorney and ask him to swear out a complaint for criminal libel against the producer and author. (2) He would be able to obtain an injunction against further showing of the play on the ground that it caused irreparable damage to his reputation. (3) He would surely win a libel action against those responsible for the play."

The editorial asks: "Why should not the President of the United States receive the same protection under the laws as does the everyday American citizen?"

Loeb's editorial notes that earlier dramatic commentaries on political figures and institutions, such as the musicals of Gilbert and Sullivan, and George Kaufman's "Of Thee I Sing," poked devastating fun at the "sacred cows" of their era and caused great anguish to many "stuffed shirts."

But they accused none of "criminal wrong-doing, let alone such an act as murder," Loeb noted.

He noted also that his newspapers have vigorously criticized numerous presidents, including Johnson.

"But to accuse the President of the United States by implication of being involved in a murder is going too far," said the editorial. "It offends every sense of propriety and decency and it is high time someone in this nation took a stand for the proprieties and decencies."

Accordingly, Loeb said, "this newspaper has asked its attorneys to research immediately if there is any action this newspaper can take to ask the U.S. attorney of the Southern District of New York to request the appropriate court to issue an injunction against the further showing of the 'MacBird!' play."

According to reviewers, the play is a thinly disguised takeoff of the Shakespearean Macbeth. The President's wife, Lady Bird Johnson, is presented in the play as "Lady MacBird." The President is depicted as MacBird, a tyrant, and Kennedy is Ken O'Dunc, the murdered king.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Memorandum

TO : Carl W. Belcher, Chief
General Crimes Section,
Criminal Division

DATE: February 21, 1967

BFG:bf

FROM : Barry F. Greenberg

SUBJECT: Allegation of conspiracy to
assassinate President John F.
Kennedy - Survey of applicable
criminal statutes.

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I have completed a review of Title 18 of the United States Code to determine what federal statutes, if any, were violated if it is shown that Oswald was part of a conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy.

The following statutes, with their penalty provisions indicated, may have some applicability, depending on how the conspiracy aspect develops:

1. 18 USC 241 - Conspiracy against rights of citizens (fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned not more than 10 years, or both). The supervision of this statute is vested in the Civil Rights Division.
2. 18 USC 372 - Conspiracy to impede or injure Federal officer (fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned not more than six years, or both). The supervision of this statute is vested in General Crimes Section, Criminal Division.
3. 18 USC 2385 - Advocating overthrow of the Government by the assassination of any of its officers (fined not more than \$20,000 or imprisoned not more than 20 years, or both). The supervision of this statute is vested in the Internal Security Division.

Until we have more facts concerning the purpose of any conspiracy, it is impossible to state with any degree of certainty which of the foregoing statutes would be the best prosecutive vehicle.

Barry F. Greenberg

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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- YOUR INFORMATION

REMARKS

*Both B. Sanders & Walt
[Signature] are aware of status
[Signature] has discussed
with Mr. Clark*

*There's no firm
indication that DA has anything
going while they may have
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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

Assassination of President
John Fitzgerald Kennedy -
November 22, 1963, Dallas, Texas

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February

With regard to your memorandum to the Acting Attorney General of February 20, 1967, it is noted that news releases of today have mentioned two additional persons as having some knowledge of these events. Accordingly, it is requested the Bureau determine from its files what, if any, information it may have on Bernardo Torres (allegedly an aide to the Secret Service during the Miami of President Kennedy) and David Lewis (described as a bus station express handler who was formerly a private investigator).

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FEB 28 1967

Honorable Abraham Ribicoff,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C. 20510

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Dear Senator Ribicoff:

This refers to your memorandum of February 16, 1967, referring to the Department of Justice for comment a copy of a telegram to you from ██████████ concerning the assassination of President Kennedy. ██████████ asks for verification of the assassination as portrayed on "Joe Pine Show" and whether "tapes" are authentic. ██████████ also asks whether there was a conspiracy.

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We are not familiar with the portrayal of the assassination on the show in question. We presume, however, that the show may have been representative of various articles and books recently published which have attacked the findings of the Warren Commission. In this connection we think it is pertinent to note that the authors who have criticized the conclusions of the Warren Commission do not claim to have any significant new evidence, so far as we are aware. Rather, their criticisms and demands for a new inquiry are based upon different conclusions they have drawn from parts of the same body of evidence that was examined by the Commission. The Commission made a thorough inquiry and detailed analysis of the facts concerning the assassination. The evidence amply supports the basic conclusions of the Commission.

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As to the question whether there was a conspiracy, the Warren Commission reported that it "found no evidence that either Lee Harvey Oswald or Jack Ruby was part of any conspiracy, domestic or foreign, to assassinate President Kennedy." (Report, p. 21). The reasons for this conclusion are summarized on pages 21 to 22 of the report.

Sincerely yours,

Frank M. Wozencraft
Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legal Counsel

United States Senate

Washington, D. C., Feb. 16, 1967

Respectfully referred to

Congressional Liaison
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

I would appreciate your
comments on the enclosed
telegram.

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FEB 21 1967 P. S. M.
OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

U. S. S.

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 This is a fast message unless its deferred character is indicated by the proper symbol.

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

W. P. MARSHALL
 CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

R. W. McFALL
 PRESIDENT

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SENATOR ABRAHAM RIBICOFF WASHDC

I DEMAND VERIFICATION OF KENNEDY ASSASSINATION AS PORTRAYED ON JCE PINE SHOW CHANNEL 30 AND ARE TAPES AUTHENTIC WAS THERE A CONSPIRACY THIS WE STILL ASK BEST WISHESS



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FEB 27 1967

Honorable Stuart Symington,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C. 20510

mt 2/27

Dear Senator Symington:

The Attorney General has asked me to reply to your memorandum of February 13, 1967, transmitting for his consideration and a report a letter to you dated February 5, 1967, from [redacted] concern- 7C
ing the assassination of President Kennedy. [redacted] 7C
letter states that he has been disturbed by certain articles which have accused the Warren Commission of deliberately withholding evidence pertaining to President Kennedy's death and criticizing the conclusions of the Commission. 7C
[redacted] mentions in particular an interview with Mark Lane published by Playboy magazine.

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This office is familiar with the interview in Playboy magazine. We believe it is worth noting in this connection that the authors who have criticized the conclusions of the Warren Commission do not claim to have any significant new evidence, so far as we are aware. Rather, their criticisms and demands for a new inquiry are based upon different conclusions they have drawn from parts of the same body of evidence that was examined by the Commission. The Commission made a thorough inquiry and detailed analysis of the facts concerning the assassination. The evidence amply supports the basic conclusions of the Commission.

As to the suggestion that the Warren Commission has deliberately withheld evidence pertaining to the assassination, it should be noted that the Warren Commission gathered a vast amount of material, much of it having only remote

connection with the assassination. The bulk of the material that was before the Commission either was published in its 26-volume Hearings or is available to researchers at the National Archives. The relatively small portion which is not now available to the public consists primarily of national security intelligence or investigative reports -- dealing largely with activities far removed from the assassination itself -- which if disclosed might compromise confidential sources or techniques, or in some cases jeopardize the lives of individuals abroad. Public availability of other information had been delayed pending completion of the prosecution of Jack Ruby, but this information will now be released. All of the Commission material which has not yet been released will be reviewed periodically until all of it has been made available to the public.

As requested, [REDACTED] letter is returned herewith.

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Sincerely yours,

Frank M. Wozencraft
Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legal Counsel

Enclosure

February 13, 1967

United States Senate

re: attached from [redacted] of
St. Louis, Missouri. Would appreciate
your comment. Thanks.

Respectfully referred to

Mr. Ramsey Clark, Deputy Attorney General
Dept. of Justice

St. Louis

for such consideration as the communication
herewith submitted may warrant, and for a report
thereon, in duplicate to accompany return of
inclosure.

By direction of,

Stuart Symington
Stuart Symington

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Honorable Frank Horton,
U. S. House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C. 20515

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Dear Mr. Horton:

Acting Attorney General Clark has asked me to write to you concerning your letter of February 9, 1967, to [redacted] of which you sent a copy to Mr. Clark. Your letter to [redacted] states that you are requesting the Attorney General to comment on her letter to you of January 30, 1967, concerning the assassination of President Kennedy. [redacted] criticizes the Warren Commission report and recommends another investigation of the assassination, "with the results and all testimony to be publicly released."

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It is evident from [redacted] letter that her criticism of the Warren Commission is derived from recent books and articles critical of the Commission and its report. In this connection it should be noted that the authors who have criticized the conclusions of the Warren Commission do not claim to have any significant new evidence, so far as we are aware. Rather, their criticisms and demands for a new inquiry are based upon different conclusions they have drawn from parts of the same body of evidence that was examined by the Commission. The Commission made a thorough inquiry and detailed analysis of the facts concerning the assassination. The evidence amply supports the basic conclusions of the Commission. In these circumstances, we see no basis for a new inquiry.

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In regard to [redacted] statement that the "results" of a new investigation "and all testimony" should be "publicly released," it should be pointed out that the entire report

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of the Warren Commission, including its detailed findings, conclusions and recommendations, is freely available to the public in published form. It is pertinent to note also that the Warren Commission gathered a vast amount of material, much of it having only remote connection with the assassination. The bulk of the material that was before the Commission either was published in its 26-volume Hearings or is available to researchers at the National Archives. The relatively small portion which is not now available to the public consists primarily of national security intelligence or investigative reports -- dealing largely with activities far removed from the assassination itself -- which if disclosed might compromise confidential sources or techniques, or in some cases jeopardize the lives of individuals abroad. Public availability of other information had been delayed pending completion of the prosecution of Jack Ruby, but this information will now be released. All of the Commission material which has not yet been released will be reviewed periodically until all of it has been made available to the public.

Sincerely yours,

Frank M. Wozencraft
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Dear [Redacted] 7C

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the Warren Commission report on the assassination of President Kennedy. I appreciate your taking the time to inform me of your thinking.

Because of the questions your letter raises and the request it makes, I am bringing this matter directly to the attention of Attorney General Ramsey Clark. When I receive a reply, I shall forward it to you.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Frank Horton
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Dear Congressman Horton,

Recently I viewed a television program, "A Minority of One," a discussion on the obvious flaws of a report published by the Warren Commission. This program made me aware of how little the American people have been told concerning the investigation into President Kennedy's assassination.

I would like to be counted among the people who would like the investigation reopened, with

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the results and all testimony
to be publicly released. It
seems highly incredible that
the facts recently made known
have not been put before us
long before this.

Sincerely,

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Honorable Frank E. Evans,
U. S. House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C. 20515

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Dear Mr. Evans:

This is in reply to your letter of February 8, 1967, addressed to the Department of Justice, in which you ask whether the Justice Department would have jurisdiction under the conspiracy laws or other relevant legislation to empanel a grand jury on the subject of the death of President Kennedy. You state that it has been suggested to you that this would permit the subpoenaing of individuals who have been writing books advancing the theory that the assassination was a result of a conspiracy so that their theories could be fully investigated.

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The Department of Justice can present to a Federal grand jury only such information as may tend to indicate a violation of a Federal criminal law. If the Department should receive any information in connection with the assassination of President Kennedy which tends to indicate a violation of a Federal criminal law and if such information were legally sufficient for presentation, I have no doubt that such information would be presented to a grand jury and that individuals possessing relevant information could be compelled to appear as witnesses before it. However, it should be noted that neither the killing of a President of the United States nor a conspiracy to kill a President constituted a Federal crime at the time President Kennedy was assassinated. In 1965 legislation was enacted to remedy this omission from Federal law. Act of Aug. 28, 1965, 79 Stat. 580, 18 U.S.C. 1751. Of course, this statute cannot be applied retroactively because of the Constitutional prohibition against ex post facto laws.

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In connection with the foregoing, it should be noted that the authors who have criticized the conclusions of the Warren Commission do not claim to have any significant new evidence, so far as we are aware. Rather, their criticisms and demands for a new inquiry are based upon different conclusions they have drawn from parts of the same body of evidence that was examined by the Commission. The Commission made a thorough inquiry and detailed analysis of the facts concerning the assassination. The evidence amply supports the basic conclusions of the Commission. In these circumstances, we see no basis for a new inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

Frank M. Wozencraft
Assistant Attorney General
Office of Legal Counsel

PLEASE EXPEDITE

THIS MAIL SHOULD BE
ACKNOWLEDGED WITHIN 48 HOURS

FRANK E. EVANS
3rd DISTRICT, COLORADO

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

February 8, 1967

Department of Justice
Congressional Liaison Office
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Kindly provide me with information on the following:

Would the Justice Department have jurisdiction under the conspiracy laws or other relevant legislation to empanel a grand jury on the subject of the death of President Kennedy.

It has been suggested to me that this would permit the subpoenaing of individuals who have been writing books advancing the theory that the death was a result of a conspiracy so that their theories could be fully investigated.

Any information you can provide on this will be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



FRANK E. EVANS
Member of Congress

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Honorable Frank Horton,
U. S. House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C. 20515

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Dear Mr. Horton:

Acting Attorney General Clark has asked me to write to you concerning your letter of February 7, 1967, addressed to [REDACTED] 7C
of which you sent a copy to Mr. Clark. Your letter to [REDACTED] 7C
states that you are requesting the Attorney General to comment on [REDACTED] 7C letter to you of January 30, 1967, concerning the assassination of President Kennedy. [REDACTED] 7C
expresses doubts about the Warren Commission report, the Dallas police and the F.B.I. and urges you to request "a release of the classified information" connected with the assassination.

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It is evident that [REDACTED] 7C doubts about the Warren Commission report, and probably also his doubts about the F.B.I., are based on recent books and articles critical of the Commission and its report. In this connection it should be noted that the authors who have criticized the conclusions of the Warren Commission do not claim to have any significant new evidence, so far as we are aware. Rather, their criticisms and demands for a new inquiry are based upon different conclusions they have drawn from parts of the same body of evidence that was examined by the Commission. The Commission made a thorough inquiry and detailed analysis of the facts concerning the assassination. The evidence amply supports the basic conclusions of the Commission.

As to the release of "classified information" concerning the assassination, it is pertinent to note that

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Sincerely yours,

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Best personal regards,

Sincerely,

Frank Horton
Frank Horton

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cc: Hon. Ramsey Clark

P.S. I thought you would be interested in the enclosed statements. FH

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January 30th, 1967.

Dear Mr. Horton,

After seeing most of the three hour television show on the "minority" report against the Warren Commission Report, I am now not only a convinced member of the "minority", but also a convinced member of the group which says this case must be reopened.

I had doubts concerning the Warren report since its first release; I had doubts about the Dallas police force; but now I even have doubts about the FBI. And if these doubts are true, then I ask: Are there no groups in this U.S.A. which are above political influence and pressure?

Therefore, I urge you to request a release of the classified information. I know there will be some "red" faces and some damaged political reputations, but now we are faced in this country with a completely unrespectable system of justice and that is much more serious than a few politician's reputations - no matter how high these politicians might be.

Sincerely,

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