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FEB 29 1968

Honorable Alton Lennon  
U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20510

out 2/29/68

Dear Mr. Lennon:

The President has asked me to respond to your letter concerning the letter of [redacted] which raises certain questions about the Warren Commission Report.

The Warren 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. The Federal Bureau of Investigation is always open to receive new evidence bearing on the assassination if anyone uncovers valid new evidence. The Department of Justice stands ready to examine any valid and relevant new evidence to insure that the facts surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy are public knowledge.

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I hope this information will be of interest to [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

Martin F. Richman  
Acting Assistant Attorney General  
Office of Legal Counsel

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DATE:                       
OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

To: Mrs. Alice Copeland  
Room 5131 - OLC

From: <sup>HEH</sup> Herbert E. Hoffman  
Chief, Legislative & Legal Section  
Office of the Deputy Attorney General

Subject: Correspondence from:

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Cong. Lennon re ltr fr [redacted] re the Warren  
Commission Report.

*Submitted*

Responsibility

           Prepare reply for signature of Deputy Attorney General and forward to Herbert E. Hoffman, Room 4117, Main Justice.

XX Make an appropriate reply with a copy to Herbert E. Hoffman, Room 4117, Main Justice.

Department File No.: None

Miscellaneous Information:

           Interim reply is being/has been made.

XX No interim reply is being made.

           Copy of incoming correspondence attached.

XX Original of incoming correspondence attached.

           Please return attachment.

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: Honorable Warren Christopher  
Deputy Attorney General

Date: February 6, 1968

ACTION REQUESTED

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Deputy Attorney General

NOTE

Prompt action is essential.

If more than 48 hours' delay is encountered, please telephone the undersigned immediately, Code 1459.

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

REMARKS:

Description:

XXX Letter: \_\_\_\_\_ Telegram: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

To: The President  
 From: Cong. Alton Lennon  
 Date: February 5, 1968  
 Subject: Req info for constituent, [redacted] re the Warren Commission Report.

By direction of the President:

Barefoot Sanders  
Legislative Counsel  
to the President

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Researched 2/8/68  
12:08 p.m.*

(Copy to remain with correspondence)

ALTON LENNON  
SEVENTH DISTRICT  
NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTIES:  
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BRUNSWICK NEW HANOVER  
COLUMBUS ROBESON  
CUMBERLAND SCOTLAND

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

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February 5, 1968

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

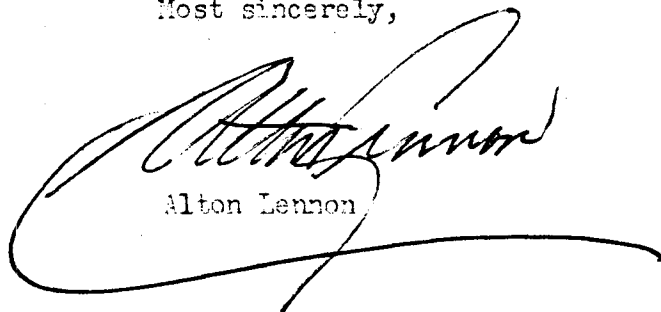
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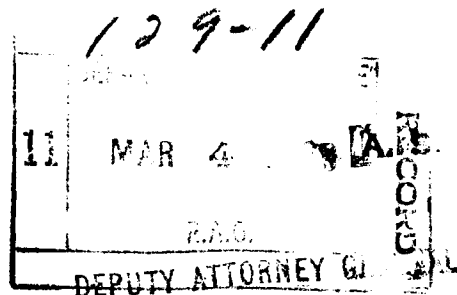
I shall appreciate your Office directing the attached letter to the appropriate source for a reply to the questions raised therein concerning the Warren Commission Report.

It is my understanding that Chief Justice Warren has a rigid policy of not commenting on any part of the Report or the work of his Commission.

Thank you for your kind assistance in supplying information of interest to the Manager of a TV Station in my District.

Most sincerely,

  
Alton Lennon



United States Department of Justice

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA  
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA 70130

February 15, 1968

129-11

Mr. Nathaniel E. Kossack  
First Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Tully:

As per our telephone conversation today, enclosed herewith is a copy of the memorandum I dictated to the Kennedy Assassination Investigation file maintained in this office.

I attach herewith for your handy reference a copy of the memorandum directed to you by Gene S. Palmisano dated January 22, 1968, concerning the conversation I referred to in my memorandum of February 14, 1968.

Sincerely,



LOUIS C. LaCOUR  
United States Attorney

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March 1, 1968

Mrs. Margaret Hechler  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Hechler:

This is in further response to your communication of February 15, 1968 transmitting a letter from [redacted] in which she expresses concern about the validity of the Warren Report. 7C

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. 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.

The photographs and X-rays taken in connection with the autopsy of President Kennedy were transferred to the National Archives by his family under restrictions which the government accepted pursuant to the statute governing the deposit of historical materials relating to former presidents. The autopsy pictures are available for official inspection by any government body having authority to investigate matters relating to the assassination. They will also be available, after a five-year period, for nonofficial inspection by experts in pathology or related areas of science, subject to restrictions suitable to the subject matter of these pictures.

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It should be noted that the most meaningful evidence of autopsy findings consists of the expert analysis made by the doctors who performed the autopsy; the X-rays and photographs are simply a record of what the doctors saw and evaluated. Two of the doctors who performed the autopsy of the late President and testified before the Commission have examined the X-rays and photographs in the Archives and informed the press that the pictures corroborate the findings to which they had testified.

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.

I hope that this information will be helpful. Your enclosure is returned herewith.

Sincerely,

FRED M. VINSON, Jr.  
Assistant Attorney General

*Encl*



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Receipt was acknowledged

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Correspondence Section  
Records Administration Office  
Administrative Division

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C.

February 15, 1968  
Congressional Liaison  
Dept. of Justice

Re: [REDACTED] 7C

Sir:

The attached communication is sent for your consideration. Please investigate the statements contained therein and forward me the necessary information for reply, returning the enclosed correspondence with your answer.

Yours truly,

*Margaret M. Hecker*  
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Please answer each of the points in the letter, framing response suitable for enclosure to constituent.

Attn: Ginny

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Dear Miss Heckler,

Last night I had the occasion to see Jim Garrison on television, who completely refuted the Warren Report. He claims that the truth is being suppressed by the government for national security's sake. To me his evidence seemed valid and conclusive. On one hand, I understand why something of this sort should be suppressed, but on the other, I am wondering if actions of this type are right, and if maybe the truth should be exposed. It is somewhat annoying to know that there are files concerning the assassination that are sealed until 2039. It obviously points to the fact that something is being concealed from the present, and it makes me wonder about the honor of this country. I, myself, would like to see the truth exposed, but feel very limited, because I realize the whole issue is being suppressed, just as my concern such as this letter will probably be ignored or appeased with lies.

I would like to know if there is any way that the people of the country could see certain films, photographs, and sealed files. And I would like to see every effort made to insure that Garrison gets full cooperation in his trial. In other words, must this issue continue to be hushed over and obscure?

This is the first time that I have ever written to  
"my Congressman" or Congresslady, in this case, because I  
have felt that it would yield no results, but this is the  
only way that I can show my concern at all about a matter  
that should concern every American.

I would greatly appreciate a response to this letter  
informing me more about the situation and possibly guiding  
me to further action.

Thank you for your time and concern.

Sincerely,

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Honorable L. C. Arends  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Arends:

You have requested our consideration of the attached letter of [redacted] concerning the availability of evidence relating to the assassination of President Kennedy. 7C

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I hope this information is of interest to [REDACTED] 7c

Sincerely,

Frank M. Wozencraft  
Assistant Attorney General  
Office of Legal Counsel

L. C. ARENDS, M.C.  
17TH DISTRICT, ILLINOIS

MINORITY WHIP

COMMITTEE  
ARMED SERVICES

Congress of the United States

Washington, D.C.

February 14, 1968

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

Attorney General of the  
United States  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Sir:

I am taking the liberty to transmit to  
you the enclosed letter received from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] in which he raises the question of certain  
evidence related to the assassination of President  
Kennedy not being released to the public.

I would appreciate such advice as you can  
give me on the matter.

Sincerely,

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OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

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Honorable Bob Casey  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman:

You have requested our consideration of the attached letter of [redacted] concerning the availability of evidence relating to the assassination of President Kennedy. 7C

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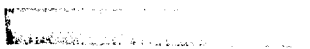
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Sincerely,

Martin F. Richman  
Acting Assistant Attorney General  
Office of Legal Counsel

Attachment



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Honorable Joseph M. Montoya  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Senator Montoya:

Your letter to the Attorney General, requesting consideration of the letter of [redacted] and associates concerning the availability of evidence relating to the assassination of President Kennedy, has been referred to me for reply.

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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 has now been 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.

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Assistant Attorney General  
Office of Legal Counsel

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February 13, 1968

Honorable Ramsey Clark  
Attorney General  
Department of Justice  
Constitution Between 9th & 10th  
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Clark:

Enclosed is a copy of correspondence which I have received from [redacted] 7C

I would be deeply grateful if you could provide me with comments on the situation described in the attachment so that I might be in further touch with my constituents.

Thanking you for this and past courtesies,

Sincerely,

Joseph W. Montoya  
United States Senator

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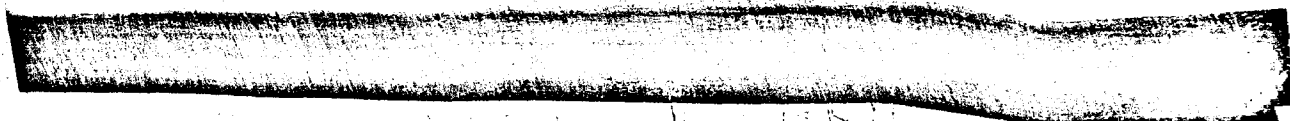
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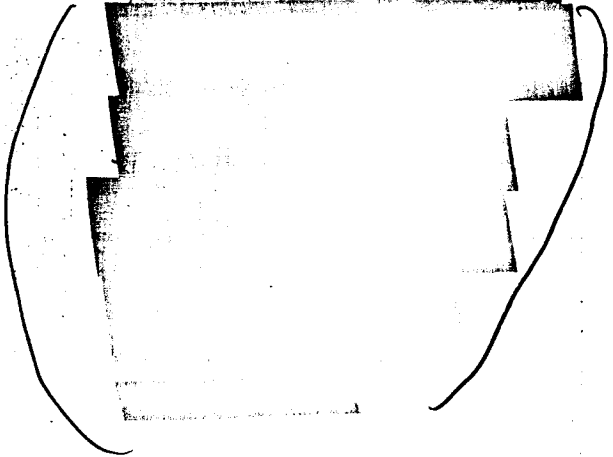
Mr. Joseph M. Montoya  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Montoya:

We, the undersigned, feel that you who represent us should bring out into the open the investigation of the assassination of President John Kennedy. Being qualified voters and tax payers, we are entitled to know all of the facts given to the commission which led them to reach the decision published in the Warren Report. This should be made public now - not as history - seventy-five years from today.

We feel that this is something that the nation as a whole is entitled to know in its entirety, and would like to see all effort made to bring this about.

Sincerely yours,



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Honorable Lister Hill  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator:

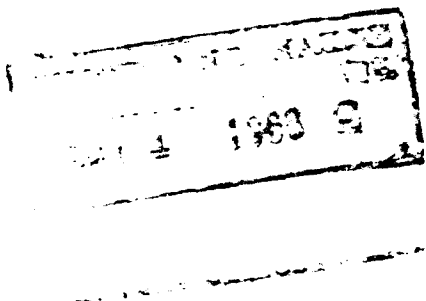
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I hope this information will be of interest to [redacted] 7C

Sincerely,

Martin F. Richman,  
Acting Assistant Attorney General  
Office of Legal Counsel



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Honorable James C. Corman  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman:

This is in further response to your communication of February 13, 1968 transmitting a letter from [redacted] in which he questions the accuracy of the Warren Report and requests that the related information in the Archives be made public. — 7C

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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With respect to the New Orleans matter, we can only point out that Mr. Garrison has not discussed his proceedings with Federal authorities. It would not be proper for us to comment on the evidence in a case pending before a state court.

I hope that this information will be helpful. Your enclosure is returned herewith.

Sincerely,

FRED M. VINSON, Jr.  
Assistant Attorney General

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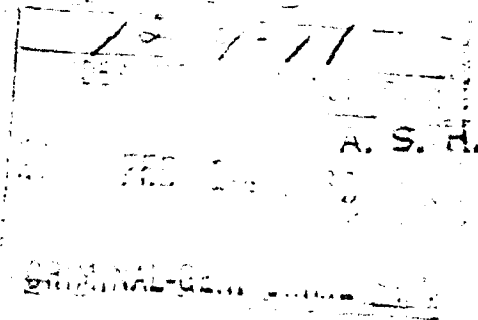
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Yours truly,

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FEBRUARY 7, 1968

HONORABLE JAMES C. CORMAN  
HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING  
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

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CRIMINAL DIVISION

DEAR CONGRESSMAN:

IT HAS COME TO MY ATTENTION THAT THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF CONFUSION, CONFLICTING INFORMATION AND VAGUENESS REGARDING THE DEATH OF THE LATE JOHN F. KENNEDY AND SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATIONS.

I FIND IT INCONCEIVABLE THAT SO MUCH TIME AND EXPENSE COULD BE EXPENDED AND STILL HAVE SO MANY AMBIGUOUS VIEWS.

UNTIL RECENTLY, BASED ON THE NUMEROUS STATEMENTS BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, I WAS SATISFIED WITH THE CONCLUSION OF THE WARREN COMMISSION REPORT. I HAVE NOT STUDIED THIS REPORT MYSELF AND MORE OR LESS ACCEPTED THE REPORTED VIEWS OF THOSE CONCERNED.

WHEN MR. GARRISON OF NEW ORLEANS STARTED MAKING ACCUSATIONS, I DISCOUNTED IT AS THE WORK OF AN ECCENTRIC ATTEMPTING TO GAIN NOTORIETY. I EXPECTED HIS QUESTIONS AND ACCUSATIONS TO RECEIVE DIRECT ANSWERS FROM WASHINGTON.

THE OPPOSITE HOWEVER APPEARS TO BE TAKING PLACE. THE FEW ANSWERS THAT DO COME ARE VAGUE AND INDIRECT. SOME OF THE POINTS MR. GARRISON HAS PRESENTED RAISE QUESTIONS THAT MUST BE ANSWERED OPENLY.

AT THE TIME, I COULD UNDERSTAND CERTAIN ITEMS OF EVIDENCE BEING WITHHELD BECAUSE OF THE EMOTIONS INVOLVED. SUFFICIENT TIME HAS PASSED NOW THAT THIS SHOULD NO LONGER BE THE PRIMARY CONCERN. IF THERE IS INFORMATION AVAILABLE THAT IS PERTINENT, IT SEEMS INTOLERABLE THAT ANYONE HAS A RIGHT TO WITHHOLD IT.

IT SEEMS THAT MORE AND MORE THESE DAYS, MANY DEPARTMENTS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FIND IT NECESSARY TO OPERATE IN SECRECY AND TO WITHHOLD INFORMATION "FOR THE GOOD OF THE PUBLIC." AS WE ALL KNOW THERE IS A LIMIT TO THIS TYPE OF ACTIVITY BEYOND WHICH IT IS QUESTIONABLE WHOSE GOOD IT IS FOR.

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HONORABLE JAMES C. CORMAN

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ON THIS PARTICULAR SUBJECT THERE CAN BE NO CONCEALMENT. THE QUESTIONS CONCERNING OUR GOVERNMENT AND ITS OFFICIALS MUST BE ANSWERED DIRECTLY AND OPENLY AND THEIR INTEGRITY SUBSTANTIATED. IF WE ARE NOT ABLE TO DO THIS OR IF THERE ARE HIDDEN MOTIVES OR INTRIGUE BEING COVERED, THEN WE ARE FACED WITH LARGER PROBLEMS THAN ANSWERING THE ACCUSATIONS OF A SMALL TOWN DISTRICT ATTORNEY. THIS SITUATION MUST BE RESOLVED OPENLY AND DIRECT.

YOURS, VERY TRULY

A large black rectangular redaction covers the signature and name of the sender.

February 20, 1968

Honorable Clarence B. Miller  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman:

This is in further response to your communication of February 9, 1968 transmitting a letter from [redacted] in which he inquires why certain files related to the assassination of President Kennedy have been kept closed. 7c

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. 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.

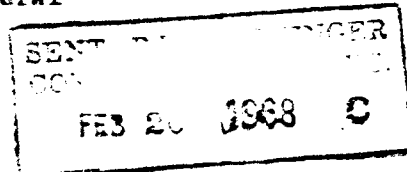
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Clarence E. Miller, MC  
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Dear Congressman Miller

I am, I would like to thank you for the letter I received from you. I have always heard people say that everyone should write their Congressman but I felt this would result in nothing more than a form letter at the most. I am glad to know that I was wrong.

This year will be my first chance to vote and I am anxious to play the role of an American. I plan to vote as a Republican in the primary.

I'll get to the point as I realize that you're a very busy person.

I have a few questions on national issues that I would like some answers to.

The most pressing issue is of course the USS Pueblo incident. May I say that I feel we have been insulted

and harassed, enough. I am a member of the Air Force and I would most definitely stand a chance of going somewhere to meet a new crisis but may I say that I would jump at the chance to have an opportunity to command and free our ship and men. The war in Viet Nam has a hidden meaning but this Korean incident is a flagrant abuse of our national pride. I realize that we are hard pressed and can't afford a new battle front but I feel that if we move to the source of the problem, Red China, with any force necessary we will not only retrieve our ship but also nip a problem before it becomes capable of carrying these nuclear weapons to us.

One other question that was recently brought to light on the NBC tonight show is the handling of the assassination of President Kennedy. I was not aware that the files to the investigation have

been covered up until the year 2039. May  
I ask why a problem of such national  
concern is completely inaccessible to  
the public. I realize that there are  
some personal affairs that must remain  
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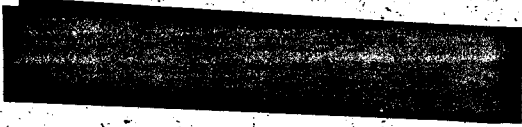
I really don't put much faith in the  
theory of a conspiracy but I do feel  
that, except the picture of the autopsy and  
other aspects, everything of importance should  
be available now and not 11 years from  
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As I look back on the events of  
Nov. 22 and the following days, it's plain  
that the Kennedy family was given too much  
direct control over the aspects of the case.  
John Kennedy was President of the United  
States first, and a Kennedy second. I  
would like an answer as to why these  
files are unavailable and what can be  
done to make ~~em~~ them available.

I have taken care of your time so  
I will close. I would appreciate any  
light you can shed on these matters.

Thank you again for your previous  
letter and also for being a Congressman  
of the people.

Sincerely yours,



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M. ...

**EDWARD F. WEGMANN  
ATTORNEY AT LAW**

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February 9, 1968

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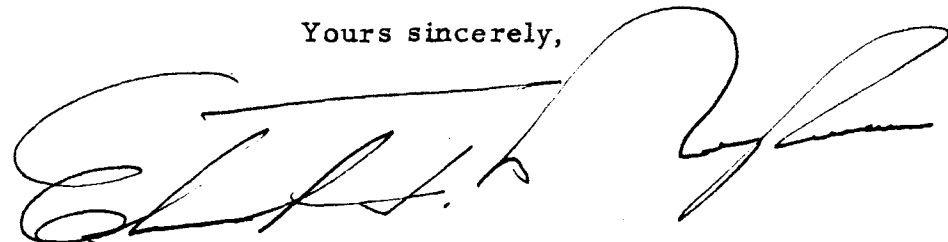
Mr. Fred M. Vinson, Jr.  
Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Vinson:

I have and wish to acknowledge receipt of and thank you for yours of the 31st of January, with regard to one William Turner, a former member of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The information furnished by your office will give assistance to us in our defense of Mr. Shaw. I am seeking additional information from the Civil Service Commission.

Your assistance is appreciated.

Yours sincerely,



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Honorable Joseph S. Clark  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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Dear Senator Clark:

You have requested our consideration of the attached letter of [redacted] asking why the Zapruder film of the assassination of President Kennedy has not been released to the public.

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A print of the Zapruder film is available for investigation at the National Archives. The film may not be published or copied, however, because Life Magazine owns a copyright on the film. A print of the film was acquired by the Government pursuant to P.L. 89-318 to preserve for historical purposes the evidence which had been before the Warren Commission. However, no purpose was seen in taking and paying for the copyright since the availability of the print in the National Archives serves the interest of the Government and the public in a complete investigation of the assassination.

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I hope this information will be of interest to [redacted]

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Sincerely,

Martin F. Richman  
Acting Assistant Attorney General  
Office of Legal Counsel

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Honorable Odin Langen  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Langen:

Your letter to the Attorney General concerning the Warren Commission Report has been referred to me for reply.

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. The Federal Bureau of Investigation is always open to receive new evidence bearing on the assassination if anyone uncovers valid new evidence. The Department of Justice stands ready to examine any valid and relevant new evidence to insure that the facts surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy are completely uncovered and known to the public.

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I hope this information will be of interest to your constituents.

Sincerely,

Martin F. Richman  
Acting Assistant Attorney General  
Office of Legal Counsel

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7TH DISTRICT, MINNESOTA

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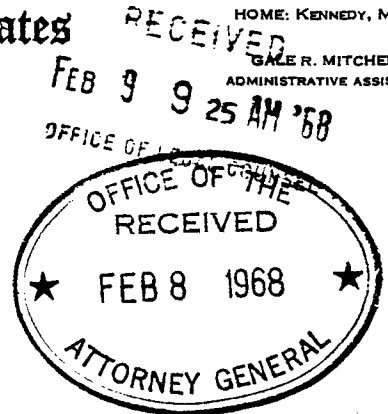
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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
Washington, D.C. 20515

February 7, 1968



Honorable Ramsey Clark  
Attorney General  
Department of Justice  
Constitution Avenue between  
Ninth and Tenth Streets  
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. Clark:

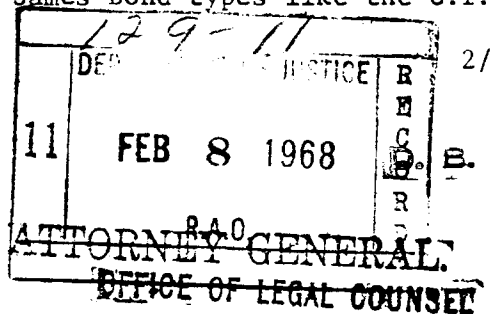
I am sure that your Department has been alerted to a recent television program participated in by Jim Garrison, offering his many diverse views relative to the assassination and the Warren Commission Report.

This program has generated public curiosity and we are receiving correspondence on the subject which basically reads as follows:

"After watching the District Attorney from New Orleans on the Johnny Carson Show last night I came to the conclusion that a "Credibility Gap" does indeed exist, and that it is considerably wider than the majority of the people realize.

"This country is supposed to be a Democracy--well, then let's begin to operate it like a Democracy. The people of the United States do have a right to know the truth--at all times and about all things. They have not been getting it for some time.

"Before we go ramming around the world, attempting to run other countries--let's start right here at home and build a government that will again have the respect of the people here at home. It will then follow that we will receive the respect and the trust of people of other countries. Let the elected representatives formulate our Domestic and Foreign Policies and not a bunch of bureaucrats and James Bond types like the C.I.A."



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Honorable Ramsey Clark

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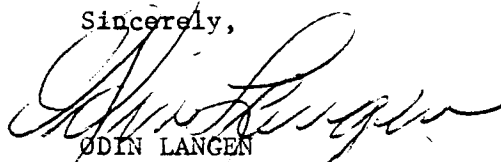
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This is an excerpt from one letter received and is typical of others.

Any comments your Department would care to make on the subject would be helpful in responding to their inquiry.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,



ODIN LANGEN  
Member of Congress

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February 19, 1968

Honorable Tom Railsback  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman:

This is in response to your letter of February 6, 1968, in which you inquired as to what was being done to re-open the investigation into the death of President Kennedy in light of New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison's current probe.

We are aware of the discussions by Mr. Garrison of his alleged new evidence concerning the death of President Kennedy. We have no reason to believe, however, that such evidence would in any way affect the validity of the conclusions of the Warren Commission, which made a thorough inquiry and detailed analysis of the facts concerning the assassination. In these circumstances, we see no basis for a new inquiry.

With regard to your inquiry concerning the release of classified documents pertaining to the assassination, we should like to point out 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 presented before the Commission either was published in its 26-volume Hearings or is available to researchers at the National Archives. The relatively small portion that 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 - that 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 has now been released.

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All of the Commission material that has not yet been released will be revised periodically until all of it has been made available to the public. None of the material is being withheld for a specific period of time, such as 75 years.

The autopsy photographs and X-rays of President Kennedy's body were transferred to the National Archives by his family under restrictions which the Government accepted pursuant to the statute governing the deposit of historical materials relating to former presidents. The agreement provides that only official Government investigative bodies and private experts approved by the Kennedy family can see the material until October 29, 1971. After that date, the material will be available for nonofficial inspection by experts in pathology or related areas of science.

I hope this information will assist you in answering your constituents' inquiries.

Sincerely,

FRED M. VINSON, Jr.  
Assistant Attorney General

THOMAS F. RAILSBACK  
19TH DISTRICT, ILLINOIS

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February 6, 1968

CRIMINAL DIVISION

Congressional Liaison  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have recently received many inquiries as to allegations by Attorney Jim Garrison regarding the assassination of President Kennedy four years ago.

I would appreciate it if you could inform me as to what is currently being done to re-open investigation into this matter, what is being done to uncover new evidence, and what is being done in regard to making public evidence which allegedly has been kept secret or kept temporarily inaccessible.

Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

*Tom Railsback*  
TOM RAILSBACK  
Member of Congress

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Honorable James C. Corman  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Corman:

You have requested our consideration of the attached 7C letter from [redacted] makes reference to criticism of the Warren Commission Report and to the withholding of certain material gathered by the Commission, and suggests that a new inquiry is necessary.

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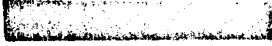
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I hope this information will be of interest to



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Sincerely,

Frank M. Wozencraft  
Assistant Attorney General  
Office of Legal Counsel

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Honorable Mike Mansfield  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

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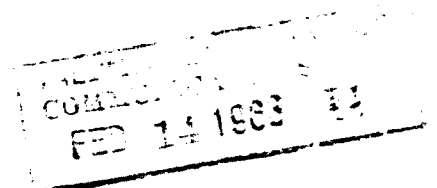
Dear Senator Mansfield:

The Attorney General has asked me to reply to your letter of February 5, 1968, concerning a question raised by ~~Mr. McGinnis~~ with respect to evidence gathered by the Warren Commission which is not currently available to the public. 7c

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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 has now been 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. Mr. McGinnis is mistaken in thinking that any portion of the evidence or the Report is being withheld for a specific extended period -- such as 99 years.

The photographs and X-rays taken in connection with the autopsy of President Kennedy were transferred to the National Archives by his family under restrictions



which the Government accepted pursuant to the statute governing the deposit of historical materials relating to former presidents. The autopsy pictures are available for official inspection by any government body having authority to investigate matters relating to the assassination. They will also be available, after a five-year period, for nonofficial inspection by experts in pathology or related areas of science, subject to restrictions suitable to the subject matter of these pictures.

It should be noted that the most meaningful evidence of autopsy findings consists of the expert analysis made by the doctors who performed the autopsy; the X-rays and photographs are simply a record of what the doctors saw and evaluated. Two of the doctors who performed the autopsy of the late President and testified before the Commission have examined the X-rays and photographs in the Archives and informed the press that the pictures corroborate the findings to which they had testified.

I hope this information will be of interest to [REDACTED] and his speech class at the Lodge Grass High School. 17C

Sincerely,

Frank M. Wozencraft  
Assistant Attorney General  
Office of Legal Counsel

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Honorable John W. Byrnes  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman:

Your letter to the Attorney General concerning the withholding of evidence relating to the assassination of President Kennedy has been referred to me for reply.

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 has now been 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.

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The determinations of which specific items of Commission material should be withheld as described in the preceding paragraph have been made in accordance with guidelines developed by the Executive departments and agencies which had furnished documentary materials to the Commission. Each of these departments and agencies applied the guidelines to the materials it had furnished, and the staff of the

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National Archives applied the guidelines to the materials transferred to the Archives that had originated with the Commission.

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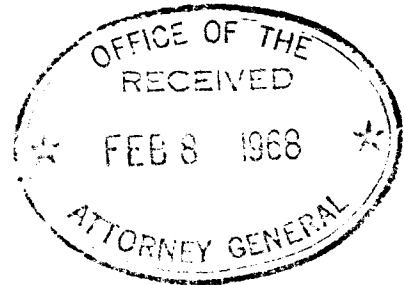
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February 5, 1968

COUNSEL

Hon. Ramsey Clark  
Attorney General  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.



Dear Mr. Attorney General:

I have received inquiries concerning various investigations of the Kennedy assassination and I would appreciate being advised, what, if any, evidence relating to the assassination is being withheld and under whose orders such action is taking place.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

*[Handwritten signature]*  
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