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Honorable Henry M. Jackson United States Senate Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:

This is in response to your communication transmitting a letter from expressed the opinion that there should be a new investigation of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

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 regret that I cannot be of further assistance to your constituent. Your enclosure is returned as requested.

Sincerely,

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

January 19, 1971

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

RE: Warren Commission Report.

Dear Sir:

The enclosed is respectfully submitted to you far every proper consideration.

Please provide me with a report in duplicate,
the return the enclosure to me with your response.

Sincerely yours,

Henry M. Jackson, U.S.S.

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Senator Henry Jackson Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Jackson,

I would like to suggest that immediate steps be taken to form a new and impartial commission which would re-examine, in greater depth than the Warren Commission, the assassination of President John Kennedy. I feel that there is a great dissatisfaction among many people in the United States with the former Warren Commission.

Such things as not calling all witnesses present at the assassination, the withholding of information, and the single-bullet theory are but a few items which cause concern on my part and, I am sure, on the part of many other Americans.

I would hope that the necessary steps could be taken immediately to see that such a commission would be formed.

Yours truly,



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Honorable Henry M. Jackson United States Senate Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:

This is in response to your communication transmitting a

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requested * The "true facts" concerning the assassination
of President John F. Kennedy.

This Department feels that the Report of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Rennedy summarizes the results of an exceedingly painstaking and thorough examination of the evidence of that event, and the evidence amply supports their basic conclusions. 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 sware. 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.

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

January 17, 1971

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

RE: Information on assassination of President John F. Kennedy

Dear Sir:

The enclosed is respectfully submitted to you for every proper consideration. 0.0

Please provide me with a report in duplicate, and return the enclosure to me with your response.

Sincerely yours,

Henry M. Jackson, U.S.S.

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November 19, 1970



Senator Henry Jackson Senate Office Buliding Washington D.C. 20500

Dwar Senator:

As a citizen of the United States I am also considered a participant in our "democratic" form of government. Therefore I am writing as an individual exercising my rights under a system which is governed by the people.

I am simply requesting information concerning the true and realistic facts of the John Kennedy assasination in 1963.

If I receive information concerning the Warren Report I will consider it an injustice to my constitutional rights. In my opinion this report is an invalid representation of the facts designed to keep the public in "comforting" ignorance. I am interested in obtaining the true facts and I trust our department will assist me.

Thank you

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Noble M. Melencamp Staff Assistant to the President

JAN 26 1971

Thomas E. Kauper Deputy Assistant Attorney General Office of Legal Counsel mt 1/26

Draft reply to letter to the President from

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The attached draft reply to letter to the President has been prepared for your signature as requested.

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| To: The Attorney General | Date: December 22, 1970 |
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The President has asked me to reply to your recent

letter concerning your Eighth Grade English classes and the

poems "O, Captain, My Captain" and "Six White Horses" which

you have recently read and studied with your students. You

indicate that a few of your students, upon reading "Six White

Horses", became quite concerned about what they conceived to

be undue secrecy surrounding the assassination of President

Kennedy. You have enclosed a letter from who

is one of your students, expressing his feelings on this matter.

On behalf of the President, I should like to extend to you appreciation for your letter. The President is eager to hear from his constituents and discuss public issues with them. The interchange of ideas between public officials and those whom they serve is a most fundamental feature of our democratic system.

Insofar as the Warren Commission Report is concerned, I can advise you that it is fully public. It spans 26 volumes covering thousands of pages, and contains numerous exhibits as well as many interviews of persons who were at the scene of the assassination. It is true that certain data compiled by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and other agencies was not disclosed to the public in the first instance. However, a review of all the documents compiled on the incident was completed in 1965, with the result that something over 80 percent of the documents were made public. A subsequent review was conducted very recently, and additional documents were released. Thus, only a very small percentage of the results of the Government's investigation of President Kennedy's assassination are not now public. Certain items, as you can well understand, must be withheld from public scrutiny. Documents pertaining to the autopsy or investigative reports containing false and slanderous matter should not be released to the public. The withholding of them, therefore, in no way suggests an intention to suppress the facts surrounding the assassination. Indeed, the release of nearly

90% of all the data collected, together with the issuance of the voluminous report of the Commission, demonstrates quite clearly that the contrary is the case.

Once again, permit me to extend to you and your students the President's best wishes.

Sincerely,

Noble M. Mellencamp Staff Assistant to the President Typed 11/27/70 HV:LIR:ght 120-11

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monorable Mark O. Hatfield United States Senate Mashington, D. C.

Dear Senator:

I have received your communication transmitting a copy of a letter and attached news article concerning the assassination of former President John F. Kennedy

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Because of the desire of this office to be responsive to all inquiries and Voymonication of the source of t

your consideration of the attached is requested. Your findings and views, duplicate form, along with return of the enclosure, will be appreciated by

Mark O. Hatfield U.S.S.

Senator Mark Ostatfield United States Senate Washington S.C. Steat Senator Statfield, On the hated subject of Lee Harvey Oswald in the associated Gress Book, "The Forch is Passed On assassination of President Kennedy, it was stated in that book, that a women saw a man who killed a Wallas cop, Oswald got all The blame, But Jack Ruby fit the womens description. And as soon as Jack Ruby killed Oswald, the Sallas police cut off all Ruby's hair, I be lost funtastic weight real fast, So that he didn't even look like the same person any more. also at Dallas Texas the two Setectives that led aswald out of the police station, The one on Oswalds left, by the pictures that were taken was not handouffed, but yet he held aswalds arm while he was getting shot to death, I think any good cop would have let go, in order to jump Ruby. also at that same time period the CIA had more motive than did Oswald because of the Bay of Figs friction. I think this case is far from being closed, if we want to see justice prevail. Sincarely Hours MOH:Z

Assassination Plan By CIA Charged

FT. HOOD, Tex. (UPI)—reer soldier is charged with The chief defense attorney for massacre. Brown said the CIA My Lai defendants S. Sgt. Dadents could testify about an vid Mitchell claims the Central alleged CIA plot to assassinate Intelligence Agency developed civilians suspected of being a plan to assassinate South Vietnamese civilians suspected with the South Vietnamese civilians suspected with the South Vietnamese Communists.

BROWN SAID Tuesday the CIA carried out "a systematic cials to testify at Mitchell's program of assassination and court martial in which the caclimination of Viet Cong."

"Here are the CIA and the Army condoning such acts as this in one instance, then in another instance trying this man for allegedly assaulting 30 people in the same area,"

Brown said.

Brown said, But Military Judge Col. George R. Robinson rejected Brown's motion to subpoena CIA Director Richard Heims and Evans Parker, who Brown said headed the assassination plan called "Operation Phoe-

Brown and Mitchell's military attorneys planned to con-fer in closed session Wednes-day with Robinson in an attempt to clear the legal technicalities blocking opening of the

BROWN SAID testimony in the case, the first My Lai trial to begin in this country, could begin Wednesday. But Army prosecutor Capt. Michael Swan said it will probably be Thursday before the first witness can be called.

Mitchell's attorneys have four motions pending and they planned to discuss them with Robinson Wednesday when the judge calls attorneys for both sides to meet with him in his chambers. Those motions include a move to dismiss charges against Mitchell on grounds pretrial publicity grounds pretrial publicity made it impossible for him to get a fair trial, and a similar motion based on so-called "command influence" of high Army officials in the case.

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Cotober 1 5, 1970

Honorable Clark Medregor House of Representatives Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressmen:

By your communication of September 23, 1970, you forwarded an inquiry from the posing a number of questions thearing on the validity of the conclusions on the essassination of President Kennedy reached by the Kerren Commission.

Insofar as questions go to the soundness of various subsidiary conclusions of the Commission, we can only point out that the Commission gathered and considered a vast amount of material, including material having even a remote connection with the assessination. It made a thorough inquiry and datailed analysis of the facts, and the evidence, as presented in the one-volume Report, amply supports its conclusion that President Kannedy was assessinated by Lee Harrey Osmald, acting alone and not in conspiracy with any other person.

is, of course, free to examine virtually all of he materials considered by the Commission and form his own con-lumions with respect thereto. In this connection, we note that he small residue of materials not evisible for examination by he public will brink further as the Archivist continues pariod-cally to screen it for releasability.

WILL WILDOW Assistant Attorney Conoral

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DATE: September 25, 1970

To: Mr. Will Wilson Criminal Division

Rm. 2107

From:

Herbert E. Hoffman

Chief, Legislative & Legal Section Office of the Deputy Attorney General

Subject: Correspondence from:

Cong. Clark MacGregor enclosing letter from regarding his desire for a response to his questions relating to the President's Commission on the Assassination

of President Kennedy

Responsibility

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

 \underline{xx} Make an appropriate reply with a copy to Herbert E. Hoffman, Room 4117, Main Justice.

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Miscellaneous Information:

Interim reply is being/has been made.

XX No interim reply is being made.

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Congress of the United States Bouse of Representatives

Bashington, B.C.

September 23 19 70

Honorable Wallace Johnson
Deputy Attorney General for
Legislation
Justice Department
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,

Clark MacGregor, M. C. 3rd Minnesota

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The Honorable Clark MacGregor 114 Cannon House Office Building Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. MacGregor:

It was a pleasure speaking with you earlier this week. You have been more than cooperative in seeking to direct me in obtaining a response to my questions relating to The President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy. The appointment which your office arranged for me at the Department of Justice and the letter you delivered to former Chief Justice Warren, however, have resulted in no response to these questions. I do not know whether such responses are routine to such individual inquiries or whether my requests were defficient in some regard.

I would appreciate your office seeking whatever sources you consider appropriate for obtaining a response to these questions which could then be relayed to me. You mentioned that you would talk to former Chief Justice Warren personally in this regard, however, as your office has more pressing matters to pursue at this time I am only asking for your efforts when the time is convenient.

Despite the dissolution of the Commission hopefully it should be possible for you, as an elected public official, to find out from some responsible authority if these questions were considered and responded to by the Commission. I wish to emphasize that personal opinions and hypothetical theories are of little interest to me, however, I am concerned that there be some channels for accountability at least potentially available to the private citizen.

Your attentiveness and responsiveness is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Earl Warren Sheraton Park Washington, D.C. 20008

Dear Mr. Warren:

Two months ago I talked with Congressman MacGregor with regard to my interest in what appears to be significant unresolved questions relating to the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy. He suggested that I write to you directly about these matters which I did in a letter dated April 28. In the event that you did not receive the letter I am sending this letter which is substantially the same. Some of the questions raised may be invalid as they are the product of cut and paste efforts of testimony before the Commission and may have neglected relevant information anwering or refuting the bias of the questions. An advocate procedure is the proper method of testing these contentions which if valid, I believe would indicate the need for more stringent congressional checks over intelligence activities.

I have previously sought information from other persons who have been unresponsive. In August, Congressman MacGregor's office arranged for me to talk with the individual in charge of responding to questions on this subject for the Department of Justice. Prior to providing her with a half hour presentation stressing published F.B.I. evidence supporting my questions I was told she could check information to answer the questions. One week later after requesting if anything had been checked on I was informed that a gentleman was now in charge of responding on the subject, however, he appeared uninformed and stated he could not comment on the questions. By phone I presented two questions which were relayed to Mr. Spector but his secretary informed me I should go back and consult The Report. I requested at that time to be referred to someone who might respond to the questions but was not contacted again. The questions currently group into three basic contentions.

It appears that the intent of Executive Order No. 11130 may have been abridged as a result of actions of the Kennedy family, the Department of Justice and The President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy by failing to evaluate several significant pieces of evidence. Noteable umung these are:

- 1) X-rays and photos relevant to Naval Medical School Autopsy Report A63-272 which might clarify the location of the president's shoulder wound.
- 2) C.E. 834 which might have provided information relating to the statement of J.Edgar Hoover to the effect that Lee Harvey Oswald Nad not been involved in intelligence activities.

More significant than the apparent overlooking of potentially significant evidence whas the lack of explanation for deriving what appear to be erronious conclusions from evidence published by the Commission.

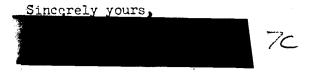
1) Is it probable that C.E. 399 shattered a rib and wrist bone leaving small metal fragments in a wrist and thigh bone without being significantly dented?

2) Is it probable that a bullet fired from the rear would forcably jolt a person to the rear? After having Zapruder frame 313 superimposed upon Z 312 at the National Archives I believe two shots may have struck the president's head.

More important than the apparent failing to explain the significance of such physical evidence is the possibility that Lee Harvey Oswald was involved in intelligence activities and that he may not have been directly involved in assassinating the president.

- 1) Did Oswald maintain secret clearance in the Marines subsequent to having special training instruction including the study of Russian and establishing a reputation as a Marxist?
- 2) What was the basis for the allegation attributed to Allan Sweat, Chief Criminal Division, Sheriff's Office, Dallas to the effect that Oswald was assigned the informant number "S172" by the F.B.I.?
- 3) What is the probability of a person firing C.E. 139 and having the neutron activation analysis indicate a negative test from the face?

I would appreciate any information you or your office could provide regarding the previous questions. If you consider some of the questions as significant and would like more background information I would be pleased to supply this. There is no need to reply quickly, however, I would appreciate some indication that you are considering a response to this letter.



Supreme Court of the United States Mushington, D. C. 20543

June 29, 1970

CHAMBERS OF CHIEF JUSTICE WARREN RETIRED

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Dear

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This is in response to your letter of April 28th, which arrived here while Chief Justice Warren was traveling. He has now returned to Washington, and has had an opportunity to go over the mail which accumulated during his absence.

He has asked me to advise you that his views are fully expressed in the Report of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy, and he has had no reason to change them since the Report was filed. The Commission has been dissolved, and he feels that there is no occasion for him to further discuss the matter. It would, therefore, be a waste of your time to talk to him about other theories.

Very truly yours,

Executive Secretary to Chief Justice Warren,

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Retired.

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Honorable James A. Burka Rouse of Representatives Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressmen:

This is in response to your communication transmitting a copy of a letter from believes that the true facts concerning the assassination

of President John F. Kennedy have not been investigated or have not been made public.

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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

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Congressional Liaison Department of Justice Washington, D.C.

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ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL CRIMINAL DIVISION

> Bepartment of Justice Mashington 20530

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President Nixon has asked me to reply to your letter concerning the assassination of the late President Kennedy.

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 <u>Hearings</u> 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 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.

The interest which prompted you to share your views with the President is appreciated.

Sincerely,

WILL WILSON

Assistant Attorney General

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July 3, 1270

Honorable Fred R. Harris United States Senate Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:

This is in response to your transmittal of a letter and pictures concerning the assassination of former President John P. Kennedy which were sent to you by

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WILL WILSON
Assistant Attorney General

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June 6, 1970

Senator Fred R. Harris Senate Office Building Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Harris:

I am not a part of your constituency; but I am writing you because I believe you will give me a fair hearing. The issue I am raising is not politically popular, and I will understand if you make no definitive reply or public stand on it. But I feel it important that you be aware of the points and enclosures of this letter.

It is now six and one half years since John Kennedy was shot in Dallas. Only "kooks" and "cranks" are interested in that long-dead issue any more. And I am one of them -- because the evidence warrants continued interest, and what's more, action.

Part of that evidence is enclosed in this letter for your perusal in case you have not -- like most Americans -- been exposed to it before.

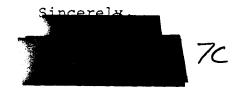
The enclosed print of the Zapruder film of the assassination -- with all its strange splices -- I think clearly shows the final and fatal shot (or shots) coming from the front. Study it closely and judge for yourself. If you agree it came from the front, a conspiracy to kill the President existed, since what little was revealed of the autopsy also indicated he was hit in the back at least once.

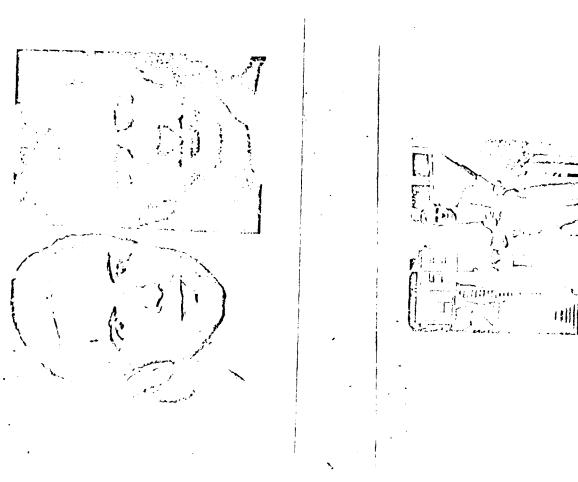
If there was a conspiracy (and there is an abundance of evidence, including sworn testimony, to indicate there indeed was), great lengths were taken to hide it and allow the actual assassins to go free (or wherever they were "allowed" to go).

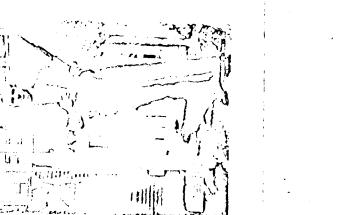
The enclosed photographs are but a single example. The picture allegedly taken by Marina Oswald in March, 1963 (right side of two-photo composite), which later appeared the day after the assassination, is contrasted with the mug shot taken on Oswald's arrest, November 22. The face on the right-hand picture is Lee Oswald's, but the chin and neck are not -- note the faint line where the pictures were joined.

The full picture (see the enclosed picture of the cover of Life magazine) shows Oswald holding the alleged murder weapon and some pro-communist pamphlets. It was used to help establish that 1) Oswald had such a rifle and 2) he had communist leanings. The fact is that outside of that photograph there is no incontrovertible evidence that 1) he had such a gun in his possession, or that 2) he was a communist. In point of fact, 1) the gun Oswald actually ordered and supposedly received was four inches longer, and 2) there is evidence that he may have been an agent or operative working for the FBI.

There is a great cry for law and order in the country today. If we are truly to have law and order, let us begin here with the full and open solution of this most heinous crime. How long will we let the bullet supersede the ballot?







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TOM VAIL, CHIEF COUNSEL

Almited States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

June 25, 1970

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CHAMINA SINDS Thank you for your letter and for sending the pictures concerning the Kennedy assassination. This is a matter outside my jurisdiction, but I have forwarded the material to the Department of Justice for their comments.

Sincerely yours,

FRED R. HARRIS U. S. Senate

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

June 16, 1970

Carl Eardley
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Civil Division

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Assassination of President Kennedy

Senator Muskie has submitted the enclosed letter and materials of one For such study as you consider appropriate.

Attachment

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Honorable Edmund S. Muskie United States Senate Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Muskie:

The Attorney General has asked me to respond to your letters of May 28 and June 11, enclosing a letter from As you know, the possibility that the President was assassinated by a group of conspirators was thoroughly studied by the Warren Commission. The material submitted by

does not appear to be new, but nevertheless it has been submitted to the FBI for review.

Sincerely yours,

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COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

The Honorable John Mitchell Attorney General of the United States Department of Justice Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

I have received the enclosed letter and photographic material relating to the assassination of President Kennedy.

I am referring this material to the Department of Justice for whatever action you deem advisable.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Edmund S. Muskie United States Senator

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Miss Ida Cerra Office of the Attorney General Department of Justice Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Miss Cerra:

Enclosed is a copy of the letter I received from my letter to Attorney General Mitchell.

I regret this oversight and appreciate your cooperation.

Nith best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Edmund S. Muskie United States Senator April 28, 1970

Senator Edmund Muskie Senate Office Building Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Muskie:

I think the very real possibility that Democratic Party leadership may fall to you, makes the issue raised by this letter of immediate import. Although it is politically highly volatile, I hope you will carefully examine it to the satisfaction of your own conscience and well-being.

It is now six and one half years since John Kennedy was shot in Dallas. Only "kooks" and "cranks" are interested in that long-dead issue any more. And I am one of them -- because the evidence warrants continued interest, and what's more, action.

Part of that evidence is enclosed in this letter for your perusal in case you have not -- like most Americans -- been exposed to it before.

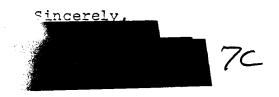
The enclosed print of the Zapruder film of the assassination -- with all its strange splices -- I think clearly shows the final and fatal shot (or shots) coming from the front. Study it closely and judge for yourself. If you agree it came from the front, a conspiracy to kill the president existed, since what little was revealed of the autopsy also indicated he was hit in the back at least once.

If there was a conspiracy (and there is an abundance of evidence, including sworn testimony, to indicate there indeed was), great lengths were taken to hide it and allow the actual assassins to go free (or wherever they were "allowed" to go).

The enclosed photographs are but a single example. The picture allegedly taken by Marina Oswald in March, 1963 (right side of two-photo composite), which later appeared the day after the assassination, is contrasted with the mug shot taken on Oswald's arrest, November 22. The face on the right-hand picture is Lee Oswald's, but the chin and neck are not -- note the faint line where the pictures were joined.

The full picture (see the enclosed picture of the cover of Life magazine) shows Oswald holding the alleged murder weapon and some pro-communist pamphlets. It was used to help establish that 1) Oswald had such a rifle and 2) he had communist leanings. The fact is that outside of that photograph there is no incontrovertible evidence that 1) he had such a gun in his possession, or that 2) he was a communist. In point of fact, 1) the gun Oswald actually ordered and supposedly received was four inches longer, and 2) there is evidence that he may have been an agent or operative working for the FBI.

There is a great cry for law and order in the country today. If we are truly to have law and order, let us begin here with the full and open solution of this most heinous crime. How long will we let the bullet supersede the ballot?



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The Honorable John Mitchell RECEIVED Attorney General of the United States
Department of Justice
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Dear Mr. Attorney General:

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For the past three years I have been working with a group of concerned citizens all over the world who are actively investigating the possibility of a conspiracy in the assassinations of President Kennedy, Dr. Martin Luther King, and Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Our conclusions are not as jet complete, but on the basis of the enclosed information, I would like respectfully to ask you the following:

(1.) Is the Justice Department still actively investigating any of these three cases, or is it your official position that each case is closed?

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(2.) Is it your opinion that all of the persons involved have been brought to justice, or do you believe that there was a conspiracy?

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- (3.) Do you believe that each of these three assassinations was the result of one man acting alone?
- (4.) Do you believe that there was a connection between the three assassinations?

Prior to your answering each of these questions, I would appreciate your reading the following enclosures (and if possible, marking and/or returning them to me), specifically:

- EXHIBIT #1: Copy of letter from the Honorable Hubert H. Humchrey, in which he states his opinion that there was no conspiracy in any of the three assassinations.
- THIBIT #2: Copy of published statement by Richard Case Magell, former agent for the Central Intelligence Agency, regarding his knowledge before the fact of a conspiracy to assassinate President Lennedy.

RECEIVED'3: Copy of published statement by J. Garrett Underhill, former agent for the Central Intelligence Agency, regarding his knowledge before the fact of a conspiracy

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- EXHIBIT #4: Published statement by Abraham Bolden, former agent of the Secret Service, regarding his knowledge before the fact of a conspiracy to assassinate President John F. Kennedy.
- EXHIBIT #5: Copy of reprinted news story from The Miami News; dated February 2, 1967, by reporter Bill Barry, detailing contents of a wiretapped telephone conversation between an extremist organization leader, and an intelligence informant, in which the conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy was discussed.
 - #5b: Copy of published report of investigation by citizens resarding above tape recording
 - #5c: Copy of excerpt from transcript of tape recording, with names of participants deleted.
 - #5d: Copy of published story of tape, which fills in the names deleted in exhibit 5c.
- EMHIBIT #6a: Published story regarding confession statement of James Hicks, given to New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison, in which he confesses to his participation as "radio signalman" for the assassins of President Kennedy in Dallas.
 - #6b: Copy of published story further regarding the statement of James Hicks, following which he was beaten almost to death, and is presently in solitary confinement at a state mental institution in Oklahoma.
- EXHIBIT #7: Copy of published intercepted communication of David Ferrie (named as a suspect in the assassination by New Orleans District Attorney Garrison), in which he admits his participation in the conspiracy to kill President Kennedy.
- ENHIBIT #8: Copy of published statement to Raymond Broshears, former roommate of Ferrie, in which he duotes Ferrie as having acknowledged to him his participation in the conspiracy to assassinate President Kennedy.

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- EXHIBIT 9a: Published story of Mr. William W. Turner, Mill Valley, California, regarding his investigation of a conspiracy by the Minutemen in the assassination of President Kennedy.
 - 9b: Continuation; regarding his investigation of conspiracy in assassination of Dr. King.
- EXHIBIT #10: Published story of evidence further regarding evidence of Minutemen conspiracy in assassinations.
- ENHIBIT #11: Published story of aborted plot by rightist propaganda organization against President Kennedy, involving one Bernard Weissman, who was also involved in demonstrations against Adlai Stevenson in Dallas prior to the President's visit, who paid for advertisement viciously attacking President Kennedy on the day of his arrival, and who allegedly met with Jack Ruby and Officer J.D. Tippit in Ruby's nightclub in Dallas on November 14, 1963, eight days prior to the President's arrival. The Justice Department and the Warren Commission were previously furnished this information by New York attorney Mark Lane. but the source of the report, the eyewitness of this meeting, was withheld, and is herein furnished.
- EXHIBIT #12: Copy of published story regarding lawsuit for disclosure of evidence; filed by private investigator for James Earl Ray.
- EXHIBIT #13: Copy of complaint filed by Mr. Theodore Charach, Los Angeles, regarding evidence of second assassin in shooting of Senator Robert Kennedy.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter, and please do let me hear from you in this regard at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully yours,

Aim Brown

Enclosures as noted

EXHIBIT # 1

HUBERT H. HUMPHREY

February 9, 1970

Dear Mr. Brown:

I appreciate your concern about the assassinations of President Kennedy, Dr. King and Senator Kennedy. However, I honestly feel that the conspiracy theory is without foundation. I am personally convinced that the conclusions of the Warren Commission are correct and that these tragic deaths were the result, in each case, of one man acting alone.

Sincerely.

Hubert H. Humphrey

Mr. Jim Brown 410 Burke Avenue Long Beach, Missisppi 39560

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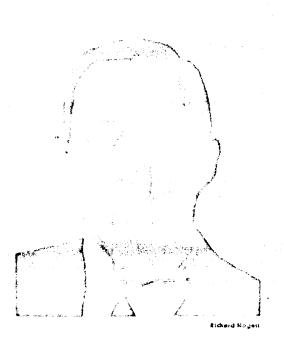
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In this addendum to the OVERSEAS FAMILY article, I have not sought to refute or confirm each and every assertion made by its author, Thomas C. Lucey. Mr. Lucey, despite his citing a substantial number of inaccuracies, has nonetheless depicted a vast area of what may be termed the fundamental truth. With this in mind, I have tried to set the record straight only insofar as it pertains to those inaccuracies - and omissions - which in my opinion reflect adversely on the whole.

In order to view Mr. Lucey's account in a somewhat different perspective, I shall begin by advising that I first went to work for the Central Intelligence Agency much earlier than August 1962. It was during the winter of 1955-50, while assigned as a Case Review Officer with the Counter Intelligence Corps at Los Angeles, that I was initially recruited into the CIA's farflung network of informants and agents, one of a number, I suppose, within the Defense Department's intelligence community who helped the Agency keep an eye on its not always tame competitor. My recruitment was handled by a Herbert Leibacher, an agent of the CIA's Lor Angeles office, and a Joe DaVanon, later identified to me through photographs as an official from CIA headquirters, then located on "E" street in Washington, D.C. Motiveted by a degree of naivete and the Agency's subtle reminders that I owed a greater duty to my country than to the military establishment, I served as a non-paid, confidential informant off and on until my resignation from the Army in October 1959. A complete description of the information I supplied to the Agency during my military career would only add to what must perforce become a lengthy addendum; may it suffice to say that it did not always seem germane to intelligence affairs, but when it did it consisted mainly of an assortment of data that for so-called discretionary reasons was seldom passed on to the Agency (or for that matter, to our own higher echelons) through regular channels.

Mr. Lucey's statement, "Being merried to a foreign national meant an automatic removal from intelligence work so Nagell decided to leave the Army," is misleading and incorrect in its entirety. The only military intelligence organization from which an individual is normally removed subsequent to marrying a foreign national is the CIC - primarily a security type organ - and this rule does not necessarily apply when the agent is an enlisted man or warrant officer. As a commissioned officer, I was declared ineligible for further duty with the CIC effective 14 Arril 1959, a full year after my marriage to a foreign national. I was not barred from assignment to other, even more sensitive, MI organizations such as Field Operations Intelligence, then the clandestine espionage department of military intelligence. As for the reasons I left the Army, they were clearly if euphemistically explained in my second letter of resignation, dated 31 August 1959, namely: "I desire to tender my resignation because I wish to further my civilian education. It is not possible for me to pursue the curriculum of which I am desirous while on active duty. Also, compassionate reason: of a personal nature exist for desiring to tender my resignation at this time."

My patronage under the CIA did not end with my dischar, e from the Army and enquing employment in December 1959 as an investigator for the State of California; in fact, henceforth I was offered remuneration for my services, however nominal it sometimes was. What my new tasks comprised is of no real pertinence to this addendum or to later developments, except perhaps to mention that one of my contacts said he worked out of "Domestic Intelligence," possibly the forerunner of the present-day Domestic Operations Division, which illegally keeps tabs on a wide range of American civilian organizations and activities. I should also point out that I did not quit my position with the State of California "to work for the CIA," as implied by Mr. Lucey. I was dismissed, in June 1967, at my own option and in my opinion for doing my job. (The following month I was shot through the right chest during an altercation with a person whose identity I have never disclosed . . . not through the left chest by myself, my wife, an Alcoholic Beverage Control inspector then under investigation or by a Los Angeles police officer "because of communistic implications," as has been reported at various times by various sources).

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Mr. Lucey goes on to state that my last assignment at the time "was to penetrate the Fair Flay for Cuba Committee, where he met Oswald." Such statement is also incorrect. I was never a member, bona-fide or otherwise, of the FICC. And my conversations with FPCC functionaries like Steve Roberts, an official of the Socialist Workers Party at Los Angeles, could hardly be construed as a penetration. Furthermore, I had been introduced to Mr. Oswald long before the FPCC come into existence, albeit under an assumed name.

therefore I couldn't kill Mr. Oswald, while the reference is true its connotation is deceptive. I had killed before and I had participated in homicides under the auspices of both MI and the CIA (one instance being the part I played in the February 1958 abduction-interrogation-murder of an FOI agent, a U.S. soldier, MSGT Emmett E. Dugan, from Crafton, Pa., suspected of having defected in place to the Chinese), under the guise that an American variation of the Soviet "wet affair" was the only alternative, that it was either essential to some overall intelligence effort or in the best interests of our national security. And it was a similar-sounding argument, ultimately reduced to a threat, that was advanced to me by Robert Graham as an incentive to dispose of Mr. Oswald in September 1963. But my refusal to do so had absolutely no bearing on the reason for effecting my arrest in the manner I chose, nor did it engender in me fear of reprisal by the CIA.

Pertaining to my arrest and convictions at El Paso, Texas, which the official spokesmen and the press have so neatly labeled as being for "bank robbery," let one of the government's own spurious records, the appelate court decision that finally yawned a judgement of acquittal in my case, give its version: "The charge was then, and is now, entering a federally insured bank with intent to rob." What the record aptly ignores is the fact that two juries, incensed by the prosecution's innuendoes in and out of the courtroom (and by the ramifications of perjured testimony and a false Bureau of Prisons report made available to the jury during its deliberations at the second trial - though never formally admitted into evidence) that I was a Communist, no doubt a very red spy, twice convicted me of having "intended" to take by force and violence one hundred dollars worth of Travelers Cheques from a bank teller.

I shall not herein attempt to list even generally the injustices to which I was subjected by a corrupt ejudicial system, nor shall I bother to enumerate the cruelties

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Listed upon me while confined in sundry Texas juils and at Leavenworth Peritentification of them are adequately detailed in my 1967 Memorandum in Support of Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus, sworn to and subscribed before William R. Martin (a former member of the CIA's Dirty Tricks Division, who by his own admission is still in "the reserves"). But I shall opine that if President Kennedy had not met his demise when and where he did, I would not have been brought to trial on charges of committing a felony.

While my return to the fold of the CIA in May 1968 may have been the only "practical thing" for me to do, it definitely was not predicated on my financial situation, as a few old bank account passbooks will substantiate (I am not quite the mercenary that Mr. Lucey has portrayed). Nor was it because of any peculiar allegiance to those who had tossed me on the scrap heap for the sake of expediency 4½ years earlier, love of country, masochistic tendencies or wont of further intrigue. And while it remains axiomatic in my mind that the sole requisite for one's use by the Agency is his qualification to fit into whatever may happen to be the scheme of things, even this did not apply in my circumstance, not really. I agreed to go back out into the cold, so to speak, strictly for personal reasons and I think the explanation is wisely left at that for now.

My mission inside East Germany - if indeed it was a mission - was neither as welldefined nor as elementary as Mr. Lucey has perceived. I am sure the CIA knows all it needs to know about American defectors in Berlin and the modus operandi of the MfS. fact, the mission was not directed against East Germany, per se. Preparations bore the trademarks of an authentic, even typical, Agency project targeted in the main to another nation. That I was unable to comprehend the German language, that I had been a recent, unwilling guest of the U.S. Attorney General, branded a Communist in the public records, etc., merely served to strengthen an already plausible cover built up by chance rather than by design. Paradoxically, the chinks in the armor were that the cover was not wholly untrue, the MfS (unlike the FBI) not in the least irresponsible to the laws and policies of its government. In the past I had engaged in certain covert intelligence activities hositle to other socialist states, to which - as an integral part of my cover - I freely confessed. Oddly enough, however, my mentors from Langely had neglected to tell me during the briefings that these previous activities constituted a violation of the criminal statutes of the GDR, warranting a maximum penalty of death upon conviction. By inadvertence or by plan I found myself in a not altogether unfamiliar predicament. If I had confessed to my real mission, assuming that it was genuine, without doubt I would have been spared execution, probably even escaped long-term imprisonment. Instead, I selected what I considered to be a better alternative . . . and gained my freedom. As for my treatment by the MfS, from beginning to end it was far more gentle than that experienced beneath the cudgel of the U.S. Department of Justice.

With regard to my marital status and my children, the foremost area that Mr. Lucey appears to have exploited, I have never claimed that "Uncle Sam hides my family" or stated that FBI and CIA agents deliberately isolated me from my wife and children; nor have I claimed that the Agency used the promise of reuniting me with my family as part of the incentive for accepting the assignment in the CDR. My accusations in this respect centered around my children and they were leveled at the State Department as the result of a promise made to me shortly after my release from the GDR. Since returning to the United States last spring a reliable source has informed me that my wife was granted a final decree of divorce at some period during my imprisonment in the USA and although I have never been served with a copy of the decree or other notification of divorce (or notice of a divorce hearing) I see no cause to dispute the advisement.

Lastly, concerning the aspersions cast on my sanity, at this writing permit me to say only that I have never in my life been certified psychotic by any U.S. medical authority or adjudicated mentally-incompetent in a court of law, notwithstanding the conflicting legal and medical opinions as to my mental condition on the day of my arrest in Texas, over six years ago.

