

## Office of the Attorney General Washington, 13. C.

Mr. Richard Helms Director of Central Intelligence Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Helms:

This will confirm our telephone conversation concerning the public statements made by District Attorney Jim Garrison of Orleans Parish, Louisiana, about the alleged interest of your Agency in certain individuals named in the Garrison inquiry.

I am enclosing a list of suggested areas for your consideration and comment.

Sincerely,

Attorney General

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1. What was the nature of the CIA's interest in the Frente Revolucionario Democratico (FRD)?

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- 2. Were CIA funds granted to the FRD, and subsequently withdrawn from it in August 1963? If so, why?
- 3. What, if any, was the nature of the CIA's interest in Jack Ruby?
- 4. What was the nature of the CIA's interest in Clay Shaw?
- 5. What was the nature of the services rendered to the CIA by Clay Shaw?
- 6. Why was the CIA relationship with Shaw terminated in May 1956?
- 7. What, if any, was the nature of the CIA's interest in Lee Harvey Oswald?
- 8. Did the CIA have an operative assigned to observe Oswald's activities in New Orleans in the summer of 1963 or in Mexico during his trip to Mexico City in late September 1963?
- 9. Which, if any, CIA employees, former employees or contacts have been named in the investigation being conducted in New Orleans?
- 10. What, if any, is the nature of the CIA's interest in Steve Plotkin, Dean Adams Andrews, Jr., Sam ("Monk") Zelden, Jerry Weiner, Edward Wegmann, William Wegmann, F. Irvin Dymond, Salvatore Panzeca, Guy Johnson, Ernest Colvin, Jr., Frank Hernandez, Burton G. Klein, and Hugh Exnicios? (Present or

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Honorable Walter F. Mondale United States Senate Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator:

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Dr. Wecht examined no new evidence relating to the assassination but has simply stated a conclusion at variance with the views of others who have evaluated the same body of evidence. All logical investigation of the question whether the assassin acted alone, including examination of the bullet in question and timed firing tests of the bolt action rifle, has long since been completed, and the available evidence amply supports the conclusion that he did act alone. Accordingly, Dr. Wecht's reported views do not afford a basis for any further action by the Department of Justice with respect to the assassination.

Please advise if we can be of further assistance to you in this matter. The correspondence you enclosed with your communication is returned herewith.

Sincerely,

HENRY E. PETERSEN Assistant Attorney General

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#### RESPECTFULLY REFERRED TO:

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

PLEASE REFER RESPONSE TO ATTENTION OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBER OF MY STAFF, ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE ENVELOPE ONLY.

JAN WELSH

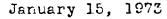
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Senator Walter Mondale United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Mondale:

I have written you several letters in the past concerning the Warren Report and the assassination of Fresident Kennedy. Your thoughtful responses are always appreciated.

On August 23 and 24, 1972, Dr. Cyril Wecht became the first non-government pathologist to examine the X-rays and photographs of President Kennedy's autopsy. Dr. Wecht concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald could not have acted alone. He stated that it was "physically impossible" for only one gunman to have killed President Kennedy. Lr. Wecht said, "The fact is that not any one person could have been a shooter. There had to have been at least two people shooting." He also stated the Marren Report's single bullet theory of one bullet passing through President Kennedy and John Connaly is "absolutely untenable from a scientific standpoint. When one examines the bullet and the various films, there can be little or no question that that bullet did not traverse the body of two men."

I would be extremely interested in what the Justice Lepartment or any other government agency has to say in response to Dr. Wecht's startling conclusions.

Yours very truly,

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January (3, 1988

Honorable Joseph E. Karth House of Representatives Washington, D. C.

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Dear Congressman:

This is in response to your communication of January 16, 1973, forwarding an inquiry from based on news reports of the views of Dr. Cyril Wecht on whether only one person was involved in the assassination of President John Kennedy.

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Dr. Wecht examined no new evidence relating to the assassination but has simply stated a conclusion at variance with the views of others who have evaluated the same body of evidence. All logical investigation of the question whether the assassin acted alone, including examination of the bullet in question and timed firing tests of the bolt action rifle, has long since been completed, and the available evidence amply supports the conclusion that he did act alone. Accordingly, Dr. Wecht's reported views do not afford a basis for any further action by the Department of Justice with respect to the assassination.

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HENRY E. PETERSEN Assistant Attorney General

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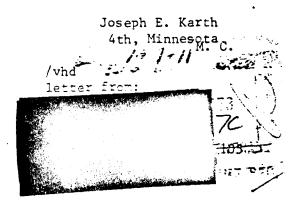
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> The attached communication is sent for your consideration. Please investigate the statements contained therein and forward me the necessary information for reply, returning the enclosed correspondence with your answer.

## Yours truly,



Rep. Joseph Karth House of Sepresentatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Kep. Karth:

This letter will briefly explain the latest development in the search for new facts surrounding the assassination of Fresident Kennedy.

January 13,

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Honorable Adlai Stevenson United States Senate Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator: 7C I have received your communication transmitting a post card from requesting that "the rest of the Warren Report on the Kennedy killing" be made public.

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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 <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.

Your enclosure is returned as requested.

Sincerely,

HENRY E. PETERSEN Assistant Attorney General

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Honorable Jacob K. Javits United States Senate Washington, D. C. 20510

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Dear Senator Javits:

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Your memorandum of February 24, 1971, which requests the views of the Department of Justice on a letter from one of your constituents, has been referred to this Office for reply. Your constituent refers to an article in the May, 1970 issue of <u>Computers and Automation</u> magazine concerning the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. We have been unable to locate this issue of the magazine, but it appears that the article questions the performance of the Warren Commission and is critical of the withholding by the National Archives of certain of the documents compiled during the investigation.

As you know, the Warren Commission conducted an exhaustive investigation of the circumstances surrounding the assassination. Its Report spans 26 volumes and consists of many thousands of pages. In addition, it contains numerous exhibits and interviews. While there are those who are critical of the performance of the Commission, it does not appear that any of the critics has produced evidence which would cast serious doubt on the conclusions reached by the Commission.

It is, of course, true that certain data compiled by the Federal Bureau of Investigation as well as other governmental agencies was not disclosed to the public in the first instance. However, a review of all the documents compiled on the assassination was conducted in 1965, and as a result of that review the great majority of the documents were made public. A subsequent review was conducted in late 1970, and a number of the documents previously withheld

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were released at that time. 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 one 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. The withholding of documents of this nature in no way suggests any official intention to suppress the truth. Indeed, the release of substantially all of the data collected, together with the issuance of the voluminous report of the Commission, demonstrates in my view quite clearly the Government's commitment to a full disclosure of the facts.

I hope that the foregoing assists you in preparation of a reply to your constituent.

Sincerely,

William H. Rehnquist Assistant Attorney General Office of Legal Counsel

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# United States Senate

Feb**r**uary 24, 1971

Respectfully referred to Congressional Liaison Department of Justice Washington, D.C.

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Honorable Richard S. Schweiker United States Senate Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:

This is in reference to your recent communication whereby you forwarded for our consideration correspondence from 72

Pursuant to a telephone conversation with Miss Sheila 7C Stopleton of your office, we are returning the store letter as the questions he raises can more appropriately be answered by the Archivist of the United States.

Sincerely,

HEREY S. PERESEN Assistant Attorney General

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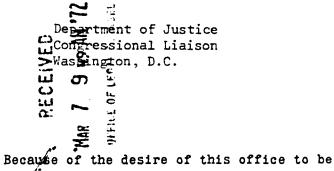
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Dear Senator Schweiker,

Thanks for your help in the past, on matters I have requested information. I have a few more questions, which I hope some member of your staff can get the answers to.

As you are undoubtedly aware, several critics of the Warren Commission's Report on the Assassination of President Kennedy have raised certain questions concerning the validity of the Commission's conclusions, in several areas. The Sunday, January 10, 1972 edition of the New York Times contained a front-page article written by Fred P. Graham describing the recent research conducted in the National Archives by Doctor John K. Lattimer, a New York City physician.

Doctor Lattimer, evidently, had access to the autopsy photos and X-rays, which were supposedly not viewed by the members and staff officials of The Commission. His most interesting observation concerned the President's back-neck wounds. He said, that the X-rays prove that the front and back bullet holes were made by the same bullet, which passed thru the President's body and left <u>two tiny flakes of</u> <u>metal and air in the tissues</u> along the path between the two holes. Strange indeed, that the three doctors, who conducted the autopsy, or none of the X-ray technicians present, saw any of the underlined items. At least, the official Autopsy Report contained in the 'Warren Report' makes no mention of the items discovered by Doctor Lattimer.

Following, are quotations from two segments of Mr. Graham's article, which I hope you can finally straighten-out:

"The 65 X-rays, color transparencies and black-and-white negatives taken during the autopsy have been a focus of controversy because the Kennedy family had previously guarded them so closely that not even members and staff officials of the Warren Commission, which was appointed by President Johnson to investigate the assassination — were allowed to see them."

"<u>Shortly</u> after the assassination the autopsy pictures and X-rays were given to the then attorney general, Robert F. Kennedy. On Oct. 29, 1966, they were placed by the Kennedy family in the Vational Archives, subject to a contract that denied access for the next five years to all but certain governmental bodies."

The number "65," cited as the total number of X-rays and photos taken during the autopsy must be a matter of numeral reversal, since two FBI agents present at the autopsy reported, that a total of 11 developed X-rays and 45 undeveloped photos were turned-over to a Secret Service agent, who was present.

My questions, in regard to the two quotations, are these: On what date(s) did the Secret Service turn over the autopsy photos and X-rays to the late attorneygeneral, Hobert F. Kennedy? At any time prior to the release of the Commission's report, did any member of the Commission, or a member of its staff view one or more of the autopsy photos and X-rays? Graham also stated, that ballistics tests conducted by Doctor Lattimer reinforced the Warren Commission's theory that the same bullet which passed thru President Kennedy's neck, also wounded Governor Connally. This bullet, allegedly found on Mr. Connally's hospital stretcher, was designated Commission Exhibit 399.

I would like to know, if the results of the spectographic analysis tests conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning CE 399 and other bullet fragments, notably those pictured in CE 842 (fragments removed from Governor Connally's wrist), are now public information, under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act.

There is no rush on these matters, but would appreciate reply when, and if, possible.

Sincerely yours, 7C

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Honorable John Y. Tunney United States Senate Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:

This is in response to your communication transmitting a 7C letter from Franted to know the "truth" about the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

This Department feels that the Renort of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy summarizes the results of an exceedingly painstaking and thorough examination of the evidence. 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 is of assistance to your constituent. Your enclosure is returned as requested.

Sincerely,

HENRY E. PETERSEN Assistant Attorney General

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To: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE Congressional Liaison Washington, D.C.

Enclosure from:



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Re: assissination of President John F. Kennedy

I forward the attached for your consideration. I would appreciate receiving any information you may wish to submit that will be helpful to me in reporting back to my constituent.

Please return the enclosed correspondence. Thank you for your time and effort. Sincerely,

> JOHN TUNNEY United States Senator

Reply to:

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Senator John V. Tunney 1415 New Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510 Attn: Miss Jeri Thomson

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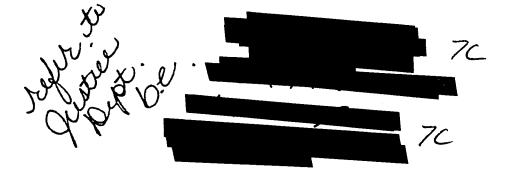
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SENATOR TUNNEY, I WANT TO KNOW THE TRUTH ABOUT THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, AND WHY THE U.S. GOUT. MURDERED HIM.



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Honorable Philip A. Hart United States Senate Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:

This is in response to your communication of June 11, 1973 forwarding an inquiry from the formation of concerning the assacrimation of President Kennedy. There is recret report on the matter, and the content view of the Department of Justice harden that the conclusions in the published report of the Warren Commission are correct and amply supported by the available evidence.

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That evidence is now in the custody of the Archivist of the United States and in the main is available to the public. In the modicum of such materials not so available, there is nothing which would establish guilty involvement in the assassination on the part of any person other than Lee Harvey Oswald. You may assure that only proper considerations, such as the need to protect sources of information, have occasioned the withholding of any of the evidence from public scrutiny.

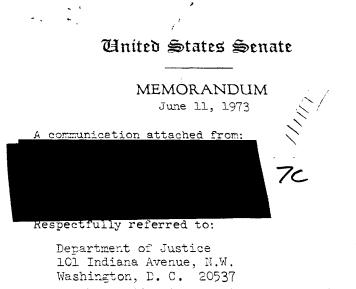
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Sincerely,

HENRY E. PETERSEN Assistant Attorney General Criminal Division

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101 Indiana Avenue, N.W. Washington, D. C. 20537 for such consideration as the communication transmitted herewith may warrant and for a report thereon, <u>in duplicate</u> to accompany <u>return of</u> the enclosure.

Your assistance in this matter will be appreciated.

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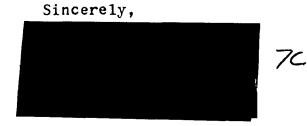
June 6, 1973

Dear Senator Hart,

Perhaps you could do something about getting the secret report on Pres. Kennedy's death released. I am 19 years old and it is very doubtful if I will still be alive in seventy or eighty years when they are finally released. Locking this information up is the most redictious joke in the world. What is being hidden from the people? <u>Who</u> is being protected? This is the time of startling revelations and the people should know about what xxxx really did happen.

p.s. Please keep on Nixon's trail.

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Responses

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Honorable Norris Cotton United States Senate Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Cotton:

Thank you for your letter of May 11, 1973, on behalf of concerning a possible conspiracy in the shootings of President Kennedy, Senator Robert Kennedy, Governor Wallace, and Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation assured me that a thorough and extensive investigation of these shootings was conducted. Their investigations developed no information indicating the respective assailants acted in conspiracy with any other person.

I hope this information will prove helpful in answering your constituent.

Cordially,

MIKE MCKEVITT

May 16, 1973

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#### Dear Senator Cotton:

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This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 11, enclosing a copy of a letter from

regarding his interest in stopping all aid and trade with the communist enemies and requesting the investigation of the latest communist shootings.

I will be glad to look into this matter for you and provide you with a further response as soon as possible.

Cordially,

MIKE MCKEVITT

Honorable Norris Cotton United States Senate Washington, D. C. 20510

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THOMAS J. SCOTT, CHIEF CLERK JAMES R. CALLOWAY, COUNSEL

United States Senate COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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May 11, 1973

Mr. James C. McKevitt Associate Deputy Attorney General for Legislation Department of Justice Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Mr. McKevitt:

I am enclosing correspondence I have received from my constituent,

I shall appreciate receiving information on which I may base a reply to him.

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Senator Norris Cotton Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:

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On the other side of this letter is a copy of a writeup that appeared in the UMASS college newspaper relative to the communist shootins of Pres. John Kennedy and Robt Kennedy and the latest communist shooting of Gov. George Wallace. There are over 20,000 students there.

Timythy has been speaking all across the country since last September and L listened to him speak and spoke to him personally about this shooting. According to him they tried to shoot him twice and tried to get his family.

I spoke at the New Hampshire College last Friday about these communist shootings and about how the Council on Foreign Relations, in NYC is hiding all this information, and how they have supplied Russia with ed everything they need to kill 100,000 Americans in Korea & Vietman.

Please send a copy of this letter to the FBI and the Senate Committe on the Judiciary and a copy of the other side and have them let me know when they will investigate these communist shootings. Timothy heinan and Alan Stang, who wrote the article in American Opinmon "The

Reds Tried to Murder Wallace, both stated they would be willing to testify under oath and I can see no reason why the US Senate cannot or will not have them testify and relase their testimony to the American people. I am not interest in that phony Watergate affair, I am interested

in stopping all aid and trade with our communist enemies and the investigation by the US Senate (<u>not the CFR White</u> House) of these shootings and the information being put out all across our country by Heinan and Alan Stang.

Respectfully yours,

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FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 1973

# Conspiracy Of Silence

A big lie has been spread by the "liberal" mass media during the past nine months about the attempted assassination of George Wallace. The true facts were first brought out by a two-month long investigation conducted by AMERICAN OPINION contributing editor Alan Stang and Timothy Heinan, a former undercover agent for the Milwaukee Police Department who infiltrated the SDS during his days as a student at Marquette University. They showed that, without a doubt, Arthur Bremer was part of a conspiracy and WAS AND NEVER HAS BEEN A LONER

It all started on May 15, 1972, when Tim Heinan identified Arthur Bremer as a person who, back in November, 1969, was showing up at SDS meetings in Milwaukee expressing a strong desire to become involved. He teamed up with Mr. Stang and they came up with some interesting facts:

Fact 1: Arthur Bremer's diary was manufactured for the purpose of letting him play his game of being insane whenever he was in trouble.

Fact 2: No witness was allowed to appear at Bremer's trial that would have shown that Bremer was indeed a part of a master conspiracy. Instead, "liberal" psychiatrists testified to try and establish Bremer's insanity using his phoney diary. Fortunately, the jury didn't buy it. Bremer is now in jail but he will be eligible for parole in thirteen yearseligible to kill again.

There are many more of these facts that I could mention but time does not permit this. If anyone is really interested in finding out the truth, for \$1.50 the Timothy Heinan packet may be obtained from any AMERICAN OPINION bookstore or from AMERICAN OPINION, Belmont, Mass. 02178.

The reason that such publications as AMERICAN OPINION and such groups as The John Birch Society are the only groups putting this information out is because there is a conspiracy of silence. Since September. Tim Heinan has been touring across the country telling people what he knows. The people trying to silence him first tried to kill him. Two attempts were made on his life and attempts were made on the lives of his wife and two children. It got so bad that at one point, Heinan had to make his tour under police protection. His family is still under police protection.

Since the conspirators found that they can't kill Heinan, they are now trying to smear him. A good example of this occurred right here in this area. On February 17, Tim Heinan made two speeches in Northampton. I attended both of these speeches and found Mr. Heinan knew what he was talking about. Then, during the week, I happened to read the COLLEGIAN about some fleamale reporter from Chicago who spoke on campus and who was obviously

speaking just to try and discredit what Tim Heinan had said. She didn't succeed very well. She based her speech on the so-called diary of Arthur Bremer to prove Heinan wrong. As I stated before, Bremer's diary was nothing but a farce. Mr. Heinan also stated that during his investigation he met no one who called Arthur Bremer a loner but newspaper reporters. The woman who tried to discredit him is a newspaper reporter. Timothy Heinan also has signed notarized statements declaring that what he has said is true. It is interesting to note that none of the people who oppose him have signed such statements that none of the people who oppose him have signed such statements nor will they sign such statements. It is also interesting to note that the results of the Heinan-Stang investigation were entered into The Congressional Record on September 14, 1972 by Congressman John G. Schmitz. Certainly the members of Congress would not allow false statements to be entered in the Congressional Recurd

Yes, there is a conspiracy of silence by the news media. Don't you think that if something is important enough to be entered into the Congressional Record that it is important enough for the American People to hear about it? There must be some kind of conspiracy trying to cover up its own actions, and its tentacies must be reaching deep into the mass media. It doesn't begin or end with Arthur Bremer either. It probably started when the mass media set out to deliberately smear Senator Joseph McCarthy back in 1956 when he found out that our State Department was loaded with Communists and their cohorts. It continued with pro-communist Supreme Court Justice Earl Warren being hired to prove that the obvious was untrue in the Kennedy assassination case of 1963. It further continued with the assassinations of Martin Luther King and Bobby Kennedy in 1968. And now it has continued with the attempted assassination of George Wallace. There is definite need, now more than ever. Congressional investigation to gather all the facts and to tell the truth about what really happened is these cases

The only way that this is only going to come about is if you, the American People, force it to come about. I urge you to obtain the Heinan Packet from American Opinion, and read it. Arm yourself with facts so that you know what is the truth and then act on it. Write your congressman, senator and the President and urge them to demand that Congress investigate these assassinations. For this is the only way you'll ever get the mass media's conspiracy of silence stopped. And don't try to pass the buck and let someone else do it. For, in this case, the buck stops with you. Bob Estelle is an MDC editorial columnist.

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JOHN F. SEIBERLING

COMMITTEES: JUDICIARY INTERIOR AND INSULAR AFFAIRS

## Congress of the United States House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

March 7, 1973



After reading your very interesting and thoughtful analysis of the shooting of President Kennedy in Dallas, I asked a member of my staff to review the Zapruder film and other motion picture films in the National Archives. He was also shown color slides of the film, frame by frame, and black and white prints of crucial frames. The following are his comments for your consideration.

"The FBI was correct in determining that Kennedy was seated far to the right of the back seat with his rib cage against the walls of the car.

It is doubtful that Kennedy was struck in the back by a bullet in frame 198. He is still erect, waving.

There is no evidence in the still photographs viewed that an enormous physical thrust, thrust Kennedy forward in frame 199. It is true that his right hand moves, but it returns from waving and clutches the chest. Kennedy's head is erect after emerging from behind the sign in frame 225.

There was no evidence from materials viewed that Kennedy was thrown backward against the seat in frame 200. He is still erect and waving in stills of that frame.

Kennedy appeared to be reacting to the first wound in frame 225.

It is inconclusive whether Governor Connally was holding his hat in his right hand in frame 230. The Governor is looking ahead and shows no sign of discomfort.

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It appears that Kennedy was thrust forward in frame 313, and that a backlash begins in frame 314.

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There is a backward recoil in frame 314, but whether it is caused by the brace is a matter of conjecture.

It is correct that Kennedy was struck in frame 313, but incorrect that his head was thrust forward. He was hit while leaning slightly forward. His body reclines backward, then forward, to the right side, and then down out of sight.

Without describing physical details, the crucial frame, 313, is unquestionably where President Kennedy's mortal wound was inflicted."

I appreciate very much your concern as a citizen in attempting to resolve this important question. I would hope that the foregoing comments might be of some help to you and would like your comments on them. Naturally, since I have not seen the films, I cannot evaluate the above comments. Let me say, however, that I am still puzzled as to how Oswald could get off three shots that accurately in such a short period of time, bearing in mind that he was not using a semiautomatic but a bolt action weapon. I would be interested in your views on this.

Thanks again for your interest.

Sincerely, ohn Fa Seiberling Member of Congress

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DEAR REP :

I WANT TO THANK YOU FROM THE DEPTH OF MY BEING FOR THE FIRST SUBSTANTIVE REPLY TO MY PAPER ON THE ASSASSINATION OF JOHNF WENNEDY IN OVER SIX YEARS. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO COMMEND THE COURAGE OF YOUR AIDE IN VIEWING THE SLIDES AND STILLS IN QUESTION. HAVING STUDIED THEM IN LIFE MAGAZINE AND IN THE WARREN REPORT OVER A TWO YEAR PERIOD, I CAN PERSONALLY ATTEST TO THE HORROR THEY ENGENDER.

I HAVE ONLY ONE COP-OUT IN THIS CASE, AND THAT IS THAT I HAVE NEVER VEIWED THE ACTUAL SLIDES AND FILMS CONTAINED IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES, AND HELD BY NATIONAL ARCHIVES, AND HELD BY RIGHT OF PURCHASE BY LIFE MAGAZINE, ALL WORK DONE BY ME WAS ACCOMPLY, ALL WORK DONE BY ME WAS ACCOMPLY, ALL WORK DONE BY ME WAS ACCOMPLY, IN LIFE, AND BY TRYING TO INTERFRET IN LIFE, AND BY TRYING TO INTERFRET THOSE FRAMES NOT PRINTED BY LIFE, BUT CONTAINED IN THE WARREN AEPORT,

IS TO SAY, ALL FRAMES OF TAHT ZAPRUPER FILM PRIOR TO # 206, W THE SINGLE EXCEPTION OF FRAME I HAVE READ THAT THE CLARITY AND DEFINITION OF THE PICTURES IN THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES IS EXCEEDINGLY SHARP WHEN COMPARED TO THE REPRODUCTING IN LIFE MAGAZINE, AND IS ONLY ACTUAL SLIDES SURFASSED BY THE HELD BY LIFE. THE PRINTS IN LIFE ARE BY NATURE OF THE REPRODUCTION PROCESS SOMEWHAT GRAINY, AND THE YOTOL ZAPRUPER FILM IN THE WARREN REPORT IS DARK AND MURKY, AND ALMOST IM POSSIBLE TO INTERPRET. - OF MY WORK, I HAVE BEEN COMPLETE DEPENDANT ON LIFE AND OTHER MAGAZINES, PLUS THE SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC LIBRARY, SINCE I DO NOT OWN A COPY OF THE REPORT. SO I AM PERFECTLY WILLING TO ADMIT THAT SOME OF THE POINTS RAISED BY YOUR MEMBER MAY HAVE VALIDITY, HIS VIEWING OF THE NATIONA OF THE NATIONAL WOULD CERTAINLY ALE HIS VIEWING FOCHIVES CHIVES FILMS WOULD CERTAINLY NE AFFORDED HIM A GREATER SCERNMENT OF DETAIL THAN I HAV AD THE OPPORTUNITY TO PERCEIVE, STILL THINK, AS I STATED TO YOU NARCH 27 D, THAT THE THESIS THAN I HAVE ABOUT 95% CORRECT. IN VIEW

OF HIS CRITIQUE, I SHALL INCORPORTS HIS VALID POINTS INTO THE THESIS, AND REBUT THE OTHERS AS I THINK PROPER. IN TRUTH, HE HELPED, MORE THAN HE HURT. I WELCOME THE CHANCE TO ENGAGE IN A COLLOQUY, RATHER THAN A SOLILOQUY, I WILL COMMENT ON EACH POINT AS IT WAS RAISED IN YOUR LETTER.

I. J ACCEPT THE DETERMINATION THAT KENNEDY WAS SEATED FAR RIGHT IN THE BACK SEAT, BUT DO NOT ACCEPT THE F.B.I'S POSITIONING OF CONNALLY. HE IS AT LEAST SIX INCLES TOO FAR LEFT. AGAIN, EVEN IF YOU ACCEPT THE IMPROPER POSITION OF CONNALLY, THAT BULLET WOULD HAVE HAD TO HIT HIM ON HIS LEFT SIDE, NOT HIS RIGHT.

2. I ACCEPT THAT KENNEDY WAS NOT HIT IN FRAME 198. THE PROPER SEQUENCE SHOULD READ. 196- OSWALD FIRES. 197- BULLET LEAVES GUN. 198- BULLET IN TRANSIT 199- BULLET IN TRANSIT 199- BULLET STRIKES THE PRESIDENT. RIGHT HAND THRUST FORWARD. 200- THE RECOIL OF THE LUMBAR-

SACRIAL BRACE THROWS JOHN KENNEDY BACKWARD AGAIST THE BACK ST. 3. THE THIRD BULLET STRUCK BONE THE THRUST FORWARD WAS PRONOUNCED THE FIRST BULLET STRUCK NO BONE IN THE PRESIDENTS BODY, SO THE THRUST FORWARD WAS LESS PRONOUNCED BUT THERE WAS A SUDDEN THRUST FORWARD AS EVIDENCED BY THE SUDDEN MOVEMENT OF HIS RIGHT HAND TRY TO MOVE YOUR RIGHT HAND SHARPY FORWARD, WITHOUT MOVING YOUR RIGHT SHOULDER. ITS IMPOSSIBLE, YOUR AIDE HAS IGNORED THE FACT THAT DEFORE MENNEDY'S RIGHT HAND CLUTCHES HIS (THROAT) (MOUTH), IT FALLS LIMP.

OVER THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE CAR. THIS IS THE TIP-OFF THAT HE HAS BEEN SHOT.

4. MY VIEW OF THE THREE FRAMES -198, 199 AND 200 - MAY HAVE BEEN CLOUDY, BUT MY MEMORY IS NOT. I RECALL SEEING THREE DISTINCT POSTURES IN THOSE THREE FRAMES, 198- KENNEDY ERECT. AND RIGHT HAND UP AT ABOUT FACE HEIGHT. 199 - RIGHT HAND MOVES SHARPLY FORWARD AND KENNEDY'S BODY SLIGHTLY FORWARD. 200 - RIGHT HAND SHARPLY BACK AND ALMOST VERTICLE, BODY THROWAN BACKWARD AND TWISTED TO THE RIGHT. HOW DO YOU KNOW HE'S WAVING JUST BECAUSE HIS HAND IS STILL IN THE AIR, DOES NOT NECCESSARILY MEAN THAT HE IS WAVING. YOU MUST REMEMBER THAT EACH FRAME TAKES ONLY ONE-EIGHTEENTH OF A SECOND, ANY MOVEMENT THAT TRAVELLS A NOTICEABLE DISTANCE IN 18 OF A SECOND MUST BE TERMED VIOLENT. THE RIGHT HAND THRUST IS THE TELL-TALE SIGN OF THE FIRST PENETRATION.

5. NO QUESTION AS to # 225

6. THE GOVERNOR OF TEXAS WEARS A HAT. IT IS A MODIFIED TEN-GALLON HAT, IT IS THE SYMBOL OF HIS STATE AND HIS OFFICE, WHEN HE IS NOT WEARING IT ON HIS HEAD, HE CARRIES IT IN HIS HAND, OR PLACES IT IN HIS LAP. (SEE LIFE COVER - NOU. 24, 1967) IF THAT IS NOT A HAT IN HIS HAND, WHAT IS IT? (FRAMES 230+23)

7. THIS CONFIRMS JOSIAH THOMPSONS THESIS ON THIS ONE POINT.

8. THERE IS ONE OTHER POSSIBLE THEORY IN EXPLANATION OF THAT

BACKLASH, AND THAT IS THE SUDDER SPURT FORWARD OF THE LINCOLN. WHICH ACCELERATED AT ABOUT THIS TIME, I DON'T THINK THAT IT WOULD HAVE CAUSED SO VIOLENT A MOVEMENT HOWEVER . I DROPPED IN TO HITTENBERGERS ON SUTTER STREET IN SAN FRANCISCOI AND SPOKE TO ONE OF THE MANAGERS THEY SELL AND REPRESENT MANUFACTOR ERS OF TRUSSEB, SUPPORTS, BRACES AND THE LIKE. I REPRESENTED MYSELF AS A WRITER WORKING ON AN ARTICLE A BOUT SOME PEOPLE WHO HAD OVERCOME PHYSICAL HANDICAPS, AND I WANTED SOME INFORMATION ON THE TYPE OF BRACE WORN BY JOHN KEMEDY, HE DID NOT KNOW FOR CERTAIN, BUT SALD IT WAS PROBABLY A CHAIR-BACK BRACE, WHICH CONSISTS OF CURVED METAL RIBS COVERED WITH LEATHER THAT EXTEND VERTICALLY FROM THE SACROILIAC TO JUST BENEATH THE SHOULDER BLADES, OR A TAYLOR BRACE, & SHORTER BRACE WORN AROUND THE WALST AREA, AFTER SOME BANTER AND BETTING THE DESCRIPTIONS OF BOTH, JASKED HIM IF SOMEONE WEARING ONE OF THESE BRACES WERE TO RECEIVE A HEAVY BLOW ON THE BACK WITH SAY A

YOUR QUESTION REGARDING THE TIME REQUIRED TO FIRE THE CONCARNO THREE TIMES THE F.B. I. DETERMINED THAT THE MINIMUM PERIOD OF TIME REQUIRED TO FIRE THE CONCARNO RIFLE THREE TIMES AS AN EFFECTIVE WEAPON WAS 4.6 SECONDS, C.B.S. AND WALTER CRUCKIT REDUCED THAT FIGURE BY SECONDS TO 4. 1 SECONAS, BY PUNNE A MOVING TARGET ON A GOUT OF MARKSMEN FIRING

THE SAME NEAPON FROM FLOOR HIGH PLATFORM. I AM CONVINCED THAT CONNALLY WAS STRUCK ON THE RIGHT SIDE BY THE SECOND SHOT IN FRAME 238 IF YOU WILL NOTICE THE SUDDEN APPEARANCE OF THE ROSES BETWEEN 237 AND 238, YOU WILL, I AM SURE, AGREE, LIFE MAGAZINE STATES IN . THE NOV. 25th, 1966 EDITION ON PAGE 43," IN 238 HIS RIGHT SHOULDER BUCKLES ... WHY DOES THAT SHOULDER BUCKLES ... " BUCKLE ? IT BUCKLES BECAUSE IT HAS JUST BEEN STRUCK BY THE SECOND BULLET. BETNEEN 238 AND 313 ARE 75 FRAMES EACH FRAME TAKES, 054645 SECONDS. 75x,054645. = 4.098375 OR 4.1 SECONDS. OSWALD HAD MORE THAN AMPLE TIME TO DELIVER HIS FINAL AND FATAL SHOT IN FRAME 313. SO WE ARE NOT CONCERNED WITH THE FINAL SHOT, ONLY WITH THE FIRST TWO. THERE ONLY REMAINS THE TASK OF DETERMINING THE POINT OF ENTRY OF THE 1ST BULLET. I WAS CONVINCED IT WAS #199 BECAUSE OF THE SUDDEN FORWARD THRUST OF THE FRESIDENT'S RIGHT HAND. I COULD FIND NO. OTHER

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OSWALD HAD 2.13 SECONDS TO COMPLETE HIS SECOND SHOT, AFTER HE HAD COMPLETED HIS FIRST SHOT!

1/2 OF 4.6 SECONDS 15 2.3 SECONDS 1/2 OF 4.1 SECONDS 15 2.05 SECONDS

IS THAT ENOUGH TIME? I BELEIVE IT IS. BUT THAT IS NOT FOR ME TO JUDGE, THE F.B.I. WILL HAVE TO TEST FOR TIME FOR TWO SHOTS, NOT THREE, BND WHAT EVER TIME IT TAKES TO PULL THE TRIEGER WILL FLAVE TO BE TACKEDO ONTO THE TOP. YOU SHOULD REALIZE THAT OSWALD HAP TO BE IM PLACE, READY TO FIRE, WHEN THE CAR MOVED INTO VIEW, ALL HE HAP TO DO WAS PULL THE TRIGGER WHEN THE PRIME OCCUPANT CAME INTO HIS SIGHTS. HE THEN HAD 2.13 SECONDS TO CRANK THE BOLT AND FIRE THE SECOND SHOT. I HOPE THE ABOUE SATISFIES 400R REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INSIGHT INTO THESE CLOUDED QUESTIONS I HAVE A COUPLE OF OTHER WRINKLES TO THE CASE WHICH I SHALL REVEAL WHEN THE GOVERNMENT DECIDES TO BE "SERIOUS" I BELEIVE THAT THESE TWO NEW ASSESSMENTS OF THE FACTS AT HAND WILL PROUE WITHOUT QUESTION, MY THEORY , MY DEEPEST THANKS TO YOU FOR YOUR SINCERE AND HONEST APPEALSAI AND FOR THE WORK YOU HAVE DONE ON MY BEHALF. YOUR INTEREST IN THIS MATTER AND YOUR DEVOTION TO THE TASK OF CHECKING OUT THE PAFER ARE REMARKABLE TO ME, AND I AM GRATIFIED BEYOND THE YELLING OF IT. I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SYMPAT AND APPRECIATION TO YOUR AIDE FOR GOING THROUGH WHAT MUST SURELY HAVE BEEN & SHATTERING EXPERIENCE,

Most Sincerchy Jours.

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Honorable Lester L. Wolff House of Representatives Washington, D. C.

Dear Congressman:

This is in response to your letter of January 10, 1974 forwarding inquiries from your constituents and concerning the assassination of President and concerning the assassination of President Kennedy. They recommend further investigation to detargine 7८ if a conspiracy was involved.

In our view the results of exhaustive invastigation of this tragic event fully warrant the conclusion that Lee Harvey Ocwald acted alone and without the support of any conspiracy. Nothing in any speculations to the contrary affords any basis for belief that a reopening of the investigation would shed any further light on the subject.

Please advise if we can be of further assistance to you in this matter. Your correspondence is returned herewith.

Sincerely,

HENRY E. PETERSEN Assistant Attorney General

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70 I am enclosing copies of two letters from my constituents, concerned with the assassination of President Kennedy. and!

Sincerely,

Any information you may be able to provide me on this matter will be deeply appreciated.

With kind regards, I am

... 8 4 ... Lester L. Molff Member of Concress

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Honorable John F. Seiberling House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Congressman:

Your letter forwarding a letter from concerning the possibility of reopening the investigation into the assassination of the late President John F. Kennedy and requesting our position on this question has been referred to ne.

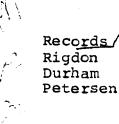
The authors who have criticized the conclusions of the Warren Commission do not claim to have any significant new evidence, so far as we are aware. Rather, their criticisms and demands for a new inquiry are based upon different conclusions they have drawn from parts of the same body of evidence that 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.

Your enclosure is returned herewith.

Sincerely,

HENRY E. PETERSEN Assistant Attorney General

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January 3, 1974

Chief Congressional Liaison Office Department of Justice Washington, D. D. 20530

Dear Sir:

I am forwarding to you this letter concerning the possibility of reopening the investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy.

I would appreciate being advised of your Department's position with regards to this question.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely, JOHN F. SEIBERLING, M.C.

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