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Mr. William G. Miller
Staff Director
Senate Select Committee to Study
Governmental Operations With Respect
to Intelligence Activities
G-308
Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Mr. Miller:

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On July 20, 1976, Jack Puller of the Attorney General's office, an attorney from the Office of Legal Counsel and I met with James Johnston, a former Church Committee staff member. Mr. Johnston had asked for the meeting to determine the interest the Department of Justice may have with respect to information developed, but not published, by the Church Committee concerning the assassination of President Kennedy.

After Mr. Johnston was informed that the Department of Justice had an interest in this information in connection with our responsibility to enforce federal criminal laws, he said that the information was of three general sorts:

- (1) Information pertaining to contacts between Lee Harvey Oswald and anti-Castro groups.
- (2) Information pertaining to decisions by federal officials not to be entirely candid with the Warren Commission.

cc: Records
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(3) Information concerning plots by the United States Government against Fidel Castro which may have had some relation to the assassination.

Mr. Johnston said he would recommend to Senator Gary Hart that the Senator suggest that the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence turn over any information in its possession in these areas to the Department.

We do not know what action, if any, the Committee has taken. We do feel that we must request that any information of the sort Mr. Johnston described or information otherwise relevant to the Department of Justice's responsibilities in this matter in the Committee's possession be turned over to the Department as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Keuch Deputy Assistant Attorney General OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10
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GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Bob Keuch

DATE: Sept. 13, 1976

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FROM : Jack Fuller

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

June 4, 1976



Governor Andrus of Idaho referred a copy of your research report on the Assassination of President Kennedy to the Department of Justice. Assistant Attorney General Richard L. Thornburgh, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, referred the report to this Bureau for study and response.

We have studied, in detail, the material contained in your report. The witnesses whose testimony you make reference to were attempting to recall events that occurred months before. It is true, as you point out, that there were some discrepancies in their testimony, particularly as to dates. These discrepancies, however, are typical of those found in any recording of recollections of different persons relating to the same event, after the passage of time.

As you are aware, the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy considered the testimony of over 500 witnesses and examined all of the available evidence, including that upon which your report is based. After carefully considering all of the available material and, in some cases, making note of discrepancies of the type you point out, the Commission reached conclusions to which all members subscribed.

Copies of this letter are being furnished to the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, Department of Justice, and to Governor Andrus of Idaho.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley Director

1 - Assistant Attorney General Criminal Division

1 - Honorable Cecil D. Andrus
 The Governor of Idaho
 Boise, Idaho 83700

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Steve also said he would "take care of" the May 4 deadline.





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Michael E. Shaheen, Jr. Special Counsel for Intelligence Coordination Richard L. Thornburgh Assistant Attorney General MAY 1 0 1976 RLT:ALE:JRR:jad

Senate Select Committee Request for Documents Relating to Issassination of President Kennedy and CIA Plote Against Castro

This is in response to your memorandum of April 19, 1976, subject as above, requesting arrangement of an appropriate response on the above subject. The Select Committee's first request was for "delivery of all documents in the Department of Justice electronic surveillance files relating to the assassination of President John F. Kannedy." Our information is that the only such surveillance conducted was in regard to Marina Cawald. Chief Justice Warren requested this surveillance through the Attorney General. The Criminal Division would not have been privy to this transaction. Accordinglyto the extent there may have been a record thereof independent of the general file on the assassination, the Office of the Attorney General would be the appropriate source for the information.

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Access was also requested to the Department of Justice file or files containing FBI letterheed memoranda as follows:

(a) "Central Intelligence Agency's Intention to Send Hoodlums to Cube to Assassinate Castro," dated March 6, 1967; and (b) "Assassination of President Kennedy, Re: Information supplied by Edward P. Morgan," dated March 21, 1967. Those memoranda are contained in DJ file no. 129-11. Mr. Blackhurst of your office has informally advised Mr. Robinson of the Criminal Division that the Select Committee has already had access to that file. Accordingly, no reason appears for denial of the further access the Committee seeks to that file.

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Richard L. Thornburgh Assistant Attorney General

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FROM:

Michael E. Shaheen, Jr. Special Counsel for Intelligence

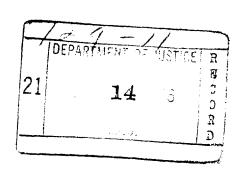
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Senate Select Committee Request for Documents SUBJECT:

Relating to Assassination of President Kennedy and CIA Plots Against Castro

Attached is a letter from the Senate Select Committee dated April 28, 1976, requesting delivery of certain Departmental documents and access to certain Departmental files. We would appreciate your arranging for an appropriate response to this request.

If the person assigned to this has any questions, please have him contact Mr. Steven Blackhurst of my staff (ext. 5211).





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SELECT COMMITTEE TO
STUDY GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS WITH
RESPECT TO INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES
(PURSUANT TO S. RES. 21, 94TH CONGRESS)
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

April 28, 1976

Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Esq. Special Counsel for Intelligence Coordination Office of the Deputy Attorney General U.S. Department of Justice Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mike:

The Senate Select Committee requests delivery or access (as indicated) of the following materials on or before Tuesday, May 4, 1976:

- 1. Delivery of all documents in the Department of Justice electronic surveillance files relating to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.
- 2. Access to the Department of Justice file or files which contain the following FBI letterhead memorandums:
 - (a) Director, FBI, to Attorney General, captioned "Central Intelligence Agency's Intention to Send Hoodlums to Cuba to Assassinate Castro," dated March 6, 1967;
 - (b) "Assassination of President Kennedy,".
 "Re: Information Supplied by Edward P.
 Morgan"; dated March 21, 1967.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Mike Epstein.

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Sincerely,

Paul G. Wallach Counsel À RECEĪVEÛ ₹ APR 23 1976 Typed: 5/3/76

NEX. 20, 1976

Director Federal Bureau of Investigation Richard L. Thombargh Assistant Attorney General Uniminal Division

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Attached is a letter to the Attorney General from Governor Andrum, Idaho, forwarding a research report on the above subject prepared by a journalist constituent should you deem direct reply to from the TMI inappropriate, please furnish us comment on analysis for our consideration in preparing a response.

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Attachment

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April 15, 1976

ATTORNUTY GENERAL

The Honorable Edward H. Levi United States Attorney General Department of Justice Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear General Levi:

A constituent of mine who also is a member of the journalistic profession in my state forwarded on to me a report which he purports documents what he believes to be proof of a so-called "domestic conspiracy in the assassination of President Kennedy." He has asked that I forward this material on to you for scrutiny by the appropriate officials in your department.

Let me make it clear that I am not endorsing his report or his findings, I am merely adhering to his request to forward his report on to your office. He feels my forwarding on his report to you might insure that his report is treated with more deference and respect than if he were merely to submit it himself.

I would hope that an appropriate subordinate of yours will read the document, analyze it and in view of the Warren Commission's findings, appropriately respond to him.

In advance, let me thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Warren Commission Investigation

The successful "April 23" deception

The following is an analysis of public documents of unquestionable validity to illuminate three facets of the JFK assassination, as follows:

The existence of a conspiracy.
 The existence of a cover-up during Commission hearings.

3. Identity of a prime instigator of the crime.

All documents cited are found in the Warren Commission Those referred to in this report are located by volume and page number for convenient checking.

Background

During her first testimony before the Commission, Feb. 3-6, 1964 (1), Marina Oswald acknowledged that her husband bought a mail order rifle on Mar. 20, 1963 and, on the evening of April 10, used it in a sniper attempt on the life of Gen. Edwin Walker at the general's Dallas home.

At this time the Oswald family was living at 214 W. Neely St. in Dallas. Oswald had lost his job at the photo lab, Jaggers, Chiles, Stovall, on April 6, four days before the Walker event.

As throughout her testimony, Marina was consistently vague on specific dates. She said her husband went to New Orleans after the Walker incident and she went to live with Mrs. Ruth Paine, whom she had met at a party in February. She was so vague on the events of April that the dates of these two changes, Oswald's departure for New Orleans and her removal to Mrs. Paine's home in Irving, were not revealed.

The rent on the Neely St. apartment was paid through Hayl.

At the close of her testimony, Marina was asked repeatedly if, to her knowledge, Oswald had threatened violence to any other public figure. She repeatedly denied it.

Marina's belated recollection

Two weeks later, on Feb. 22, 1964, the Washington POST quoted the Houston POST to the effect that Marina had recalled another incident in which Oswald had threatened the life of a well known public figure. (2)

On Feb. 25 she was interviewed by the FBI about the report and now stated that, on <u>April 23</u>, 1963, Oswald had read the norning paper, then got dressed, took out his pistol, and indicated that the "Vice President" was in Dallas and that he was going downtown to try to shoot him. (3)

Marina said she assumed he meant former "Vice President" Nixon. She stated that she persuaded her husband to give her the pistol and kept him confined in the bathroom for three hours, though there was no lock on the outside of the door.

The FBI was deeply unimpressed by the story. There were no witnesses and its credibility rested entirely upon Marina's word. When the report reached Washington it was largely ignored and received no publicity.

Why was the "April 23" story ignored?

In the first place, Oswald had already been identified as a domestic tyrant who dominated his wife and beat her when he was so inclined. His docility on April 23 was beyond belief.

In addition, both the FBI and the Secret Service had tried without success to establish Oswald's whereabouts during the two weeks following the Walker incident on April 10. They had been unable to find any evidence that he was in Dallas after April 12, when he cashed his last pay check from the photo lab (4) and applied for unemployment benefits at the Dallas office of the Texas Employment Commission. (5)

Other than that, there were no job applications, no follow-up on his unemployment claim, no postal or financial transactions, no persons who recalled seeing him after April 12.

The Secret Service concluded that "he must have left Dallas sometime between April 12 and April 29", when he was known to have applied for interstate UC benefits in New Orleans. They listed his address from April 12 to 29 as "757 French St., New Orleans," the home of his aunt and uncle, the Murretts. (6)

Thus, even at this point, Marina's "Nixon" story had all the earmarks of calculated perjury, since logic and all other evidence indicated that Oswald was not even in Dallas on April 23.

Mrs. Ruth Paine's testimony

On March 18-19, 1964, Mrs. Paine appeared as a witness before the Warren Commission. When the events of April, 1963 came into discussion, she volunteered the "recollection" that she and both Oswalds and their child shared a picnic in a Dallas park on April 20, 1963 and that, on April 24, she took Oswald's baggage to a bus station for his departure for New Orleans that evening or the next morning. (7)

She said Marina went to stay at her home on that day, April 24, and remained there until she drove her to New Orleans on May 10, her husband having found work there. She added that she, Mrs. P, went to San Antonio on April 26-28, leaving Marina at her home.

In her testimony, Marina had mentioned no "picnic" with Mrs. Paine in April or any other time. She had not specified when her husband left for New Orleans.

As with Marina's "Nixon" story, there were no witnesses to Mrs. Paine's "recollections." But the Warren Commission accepted her statements without question. They had the effect of making Marina's "April 23" incident plausible, at least to the extent that Oswald was now asserted to have been in Dallas then.

No one on the Commission appeared to have been aware that, when interviewed right after the assassination (Nov. 27, 1963) by FBI agents Hosty and Odum, Mrs. Paine had told them that "she took Marina to her home" on April 11, 1963 - which was the day after the Walker attempt. (8)

The documents which will now be reviewed will indicate that Mrs. Paine told Agents Hosty and Odum the truth, but lied to the Warren Commission under oath.

Oswald's Unemployment Compensation Claims

- April 12, '63 On this date the Dallas UC office received Oswald's initial application for unemployment benefits.

 The form, filled out in longhand, has several indications of forgery, but it was accepted for processing and a copy forwarded to Austin. (9)
- April 16, '63 The Austin headquarters found no record of Oswald's latest employment by Jaggers, Chiles, Stoval, the photo lab. It was revealed later that this firm's records had carried Oswald's UC account with two digits of his social security number transposed. So payments to UC in his behalf had not been credited to his account in Austin's records.

Thus, on <u>April 16</u>, Austin mailed him a form rejecting his claim. It was correctly addressed to his Neely St. address in Dallas. It was delivered to that address on either the 17th or 18th. <u>Oswald was not there to receive it.</u> (10)

However, someone else did pick it up. The Neely St. address was crossed out and the forwarding address, "757 France St., New Orleans, La." was added in longhand - and the letter was remailed to New Orleans.

The forwarding address is clearly in Mrs. Paine's handwriting when compared with the same address (but with "France" spelled "French") in her address book, Commission Exhibit 402. (11)

Thus, Mrs. Paine's own script, on a letter Oswald was not there to receive on April 17 or 18, belies her testimony that he was in Dallas for a "picnic" on April 20 and to take a bus to New Orleans on April 24.

The post office in New Orleans was not able to deliver the notice forwarded to "France St."
They evidently sent it out on at least two carrier routes that included a "France St." They finally mailed it back to Austin, marked "No such number." The original notice and its envelope were turned over to the Warren Commission by Austin, along with other documents relating to his UC claims. (12)

- April 26, '63 On this date Oswald made an initial claim for interstate unemployment benefits at the New Orleans Division of Unemployment Security. He had not received the rejection notice from Austin and, as of this date, did not know his claim had been questioned there. (13)
- April 29, '63 On this date he returned to the New Orleans UC office and filled out various forms, one of which was a "request for reconsideration" of his status. He noted that two digits in his social security number had been transposed in the photo lab records. (14)

(Only Mrs. Paine had seen the rejection form from Austin. Yet, between April 26 and 29, Oswald had learned of the rejection and the error that caused it. Mrs. Paine testified that she went to "San Antonio" on April 26, 27, 28. Obviously, Mrs. Paine and Oswald had been in touch in that period.)

In filling out the above form, Oswald wrote "757 France St." as his address - the same incorrect street name Mrs. Paine had used for his forwarding address. When a copy of the form was forwarded to Austin they checked the error and mailed Oswald a form approving his claim to "757 France St." This mail was also undeliverable in New Orleans and was returned to Austin.

His use of the "France St." address on the 29th indicated that Oswald had not yet gone to his uncle's home on French St. When he did arrive there around May 1, he phoned from a bus station and told the Murretts he had arrived in Dallas

that same day. That evening Mr. Murrett drove him to the bus station to pick up baggage he had checked there. Oswald did not want his uncle and aunt to know he had been in New Orleans for two weeks.

- April 29, '63 In other forms Oswald filled out on this date, he himself answers the question as to whether he had been in Dallas on April 23. Since he had no evident reason to falsify on this occasion, and knew he would get no payments if he were caught doing so by the UC authorities, one can suppose he wrote the truth:
 - 1. In answer to the question, "When did you arrive here?" he wrote, "April 12." (16)
 - 2. Asked to indicate on how many of the past seven days he had been in New Orleans "able to work and available for work," he wrote in all seven, beginning with April 23 and ending with the 29th. (17)

From Oswald's own statements, the history of the rejection notice mailed from Austin on April 16, and Mrs. Paine's original statement to Agents Hosty and Odum, it would appear that the taking of Oswald's baggage to the Dallas bus station and Marina's removal to Mrs. Paine's home occurred on April 11, not April 24.

By the same token, Marina's "Nixon" story on April 23 was patently false.

The motive for the "April 23" deception

Anyone who had detected these perjuries during the first five months of 1964, while the Warren Commission investigations proceeded, would have been baffled by them. They had no purpose. April 23 had no evident significance in relationship to the JFK assassination.

Although no one on the Commission staff seemed to believe Marina's "Nixon" yarn, no one seemed to express the least curiosity as to why she would invent the lie. But the "Nixon" story filled in an awkward blank space in April, 1963, so it was made a part of the official record. Except for the persistence of an FBI team in Dallas, its purpose might have remained an enigma.

Ever since the assassination the FBI had been trying without success to pinpoint the origin of President Kennedy's junket to Texas that included the Dallas motorcade. No one seemed to know how the idea got started.

In late May of 1964 FBI agents finally hit pay dirt via a study of Dallas newspapers for 1963 on microfilm. Their report filed on June 1, 1964, reflected that, on <u>April 23</u>, 1963, Vice President Lyndon Johnson had visited the city to address a NASA convention at the Trade Mart - the same auditorium at which JFK was to have spoken on Nov. 22, 1963.

After his speech he held a news conference for local editors and politicians in which he stressed his hope for a Presidential visit to Dallas at an early date. (18) A reference to this news conference in the Dallas TIMES HEMALD of Sept. 13, 1963 credited LBJ with launching the Kennedy visit on this occasion. (19)

Though not highly publicized at first, this was taken to be the genesis of the Nov. 22 visit to Dallas. It was a documented contradiction to LBJ's constant public assertions ever since the assassination that he had opposed the Kennedy visit to Texas from the beginning.

The "Nixon" story in the spotlight

Immediately after the release of this revelation, and well before it could be digested and interpreted by the Commission and the media, Marina Oswald was hastily recalled to the witness stand to tell her "Unbelievable" story about "April 23" in the world news spotlight.

On June 11, 1964 she took the witness stand again (20) and was defensive from the beginning, protesting too frequently that she was telling the truth. She startled her interrogator at the outset by saying, "I did not think up this incident with Nixon myself." (21)

Her story was substantially the same as it had been in February, and just as implausible. She asseted that "Nixon" was the only Vice President she had ever heard of, so supposed he was the "Vice President" her husband allegedly wanted to shoot on April 23.

When questioned about other events in April that Mrs. Paine had told about, Marina still remembered no picnic on April 20, and her account of Oswald's departure from Dallas for New Orleans differed from Mrs. Paine's in every important respect.

The uncritical Commission bought her story. But her own statements didn't make it clear enough what the "Nixon" affair really meant. It became the function of Commission Counsel Rankin to spell it out for the record:

That Nixon was no where near Dallas on April 23, but Vice Presi-

dent Lyndon Johnson was. Thus it followed that it was LBJ that Lee Oswald (by now identified as the assassin of President Kennedy) intended to kill on <u>April 23</u>, seven months earlier.

Powerful forces behind the scenes of the Warren Commission had been preparing to advance this proposition (if it became necessary) since back in February, 1964, when the "Nixon" story first surfaced. These were forces able to suborn the perjury of star witnesses right under the nose of the Commission.

The FBI report of June 1 made the revelation "necessary." Its prompt effect, with the help of wide publication, was to completely obliterate the implications to be drawn from discovery that LBJ had launched the idea for the Texas visit on April 23, 1963.

A classic strategy of conspirators in a political murder to avoid suspicion (literally the <u>only</u> sure strategy) had worked again:

"No individual will participate in a murder conspiracy of which he himself is an intended victim."

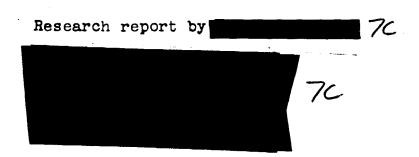
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This outline of the "April 23" deception only identifies the players of the leading roles in the scenario. Several other persons involved in the deception are identifiable in the Commission records.

The trail of investigation would lead to the FBI in Washington and certainly to the staff of the Warren Commission. For various efforts were made to back-date Marina's first mention of the "Nix-on" incident to as early as Dec. 14, 1963, and Mrs. Paine's "recollections" about April to an even earlier date.

Before its publication in the Commission volumes, Hosty and Odum's report of Nov. 27, 1963 was "corrected" to show two events in April following the item that Mrs. Paine took Marina to her home on the 11th. Both the "picnic" on the 20th and Oswald's departure on the 24th were made to conform to Mrs. Paine's testimony in March, 1964.

In short, the "April 23" deception provides a wide open door for new investigation leading to the core of the John F. Kennedy assassination conspiracy.



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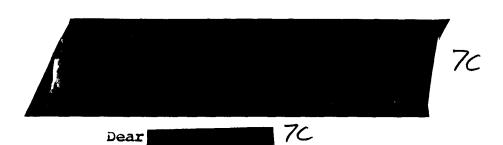
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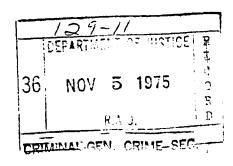
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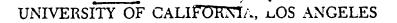
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Sincerely yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
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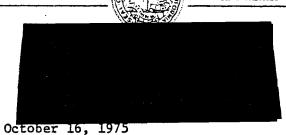
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Attorney General of The United States Edward Levi Department of Justice Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

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I understand that the report of medical experts who examined physical evidence pertaining to the John Kennedy autopsy is now available to the public. I refer to the report summarized in the New York Times 17:1, January 17, 1969, authored by Doctors W.H. Carnes, R.H. Morgan, A.R. Morwitz, and R.S. Fisher.

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Honorable John V. Tunney United States Senate Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator:

Your communication transmitting a letter from has been referred to me. Representation of former 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 and the evidence amply supports the basic conclusions of the Commission. We know of no evidence which supports a conclusion that Lee Harvey Oswald did not assassinate President Kennedy.

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Respectfully referred to:

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Enclosure from:



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I would appreciate your assistance with the enclosed request. Any information which you may be able to furnish will be most welcomed.

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Directly to person making request being sure to return this form and the original correspondence to my office.

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Thank you for your time and effort in helping me be more responsive to the needs of my constituents. /

United States Senator

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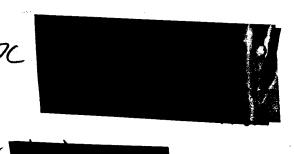
I am a high school senior and I have chosen to research the death of President John F. Kennedy for my government project.

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I would be most interested in your opinion or any information you might send me regarding this issue, particularly the names of people I might contact for further information.

Thank you very much for your time,

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

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I hope that this information is of assistance to you in responding to your constituent.

Sincerely,

RICHARD L. THORNBURGH Assistant Attorney General Criminal Division FRANK HORTON
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Honorable Edward Levi Attorney General Department of Justice Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Levi:

In behalf of my constituent, who is identified in the attached letter copy, I should like to request your consideration of this matter.

Thank you for whatever information and assistance you can provide. I look forward to your reply.

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Sincerely,
Frank Horton

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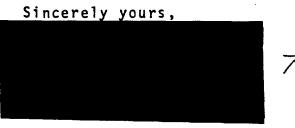
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My dear Mr. Horton,

I am a sophomore at Palmyra-Macedon Central High School. I have recently become aware of the controversy concerning President John F. Kennedy's assassination. I personally don't think that the Warren Commission was completely correct in its findings, but that is not for me to decide. There is a lot of evidence supporting a conspiracy (i.e. the time between the first and last shots, as shown by the Zapruder film, and a number of witnesses who said they saw a puff of smoke in the grassy knoll).

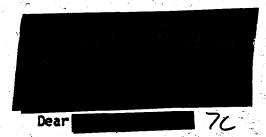
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Your letter to Mrs. Ford concerning the assassination of former President Kennedy has been referred to me. You are writing a paper on the assassination and would like information regarding the controversies which have developed concerning this event.

I regret that the Department of Justice does not have any materials available for distribution on this subject.

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Sincerely,

RICHARD L. THORNBURGH Assistant Attorney General Criminal Division WHITE HOUSE OF L CE

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To:

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Washington, D. C. 20530

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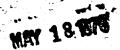
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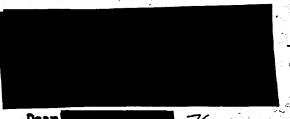
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Som a sophonore at Springbrook High School. I am presently repearching for a history paper. The topic I am covering concerns the assassination of President Lennedy and the current Controversies which have developed. While researching I discovered that President Ford had been a member of the Warren Commission which investigated the assassination. Glease send me any information which could aid me in my research The saper will be due on June 3, and it is necessary that I acquire all information as poon as jospible. Thank you for your cooperation.

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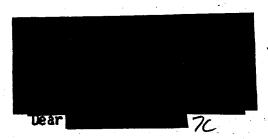
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With regard to gun control, for your information, I am enclosing copies of two statements of President Ford on June 19, 1975, in which he expressed opposition to the registration of guns and gun owners.

I am also enclosing a copy of the Administration's proposed gun control bill, together with a section by section analysis, which was submitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, as well as the Attorney General's testimony on the subject of gun control before the Subcommittee to Investigate Juvenile Delinquency on July 22, 1975.

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The Attorney General appreciates the interest of those who express their opinions and suggestions on matters which are of vital concern to our Nation. The agencies which are charged with maintaining law and order need the assistance of all people in order to accomplish their task.

Sincerely,

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