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Washington, D. C. 20539

Re: State of Texas vs Jack Ruby (E-4010, In the Criminal Dist. Court #3  
Dallas County, Texas)

Dear Mr. Miller:

Your recent communication advising that the Warren Commission has authorized your office to make available to the defense team of Jack Ruby certain pertinent investigative data surrounding the assassination of President John F. Kennedy and the shooting of his assassin Lee Harvey Oswald, is accepted with proper respect and sincere appreciation for the considerations of the Commission's regard for the special circumstances of this case.

We, of the Jack Ruby defense team, regard this action of the Department of Justice and the Warren Commission as being forthright and in keeping with the highest traditions of American Law, Truth and Justice.

Such action and decision by those great men of American Justice should be accepted with dignity and gratitude by all of America.

Regardless of the outcome of the Ruby Case, which, of course, is of no official concern of the Warren Commission, the making available of this evidence to the Ruby defense team in the nature of factual disclosures will, hopefully we trust, lend itself to adequate elimination of the hatred, bigotry and prejudice which the great John Fitzgerald Kennedy fought so hard to eradicate.

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Perhaps this evidence will serve to clear the atmosphere of the confusion that has been wrought by a local Dallas news media through its warring of the factual background of the defendant in its slanted and controlled reporting.

We are hoping to conduct a defense that will evoke respect for trial by jury in America, and which will illuminate the absolute need for a guarded understanding of the sinister methods of such controlled press which seek to generate a clear and present danger to proper and true administration of justice in American Courts.

Very respectfully,

  
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