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Dear Sirs:

From what I have read, the world will not even begin to consider the validity of the 'one man' theory--all the 'facts' and 'evidence' that seem to support such a theory notwithstanding--until it is demonstrably proved (by a bona fide demonstration) that one man--with such remarkable, devastating effect--could have fired the unreliable Carcano rifle three times, at a moving target, within six seconds. So please, for the time being, stop with all the clumsy, heavy-handed F.B.I. "leaks" that seem to answer (or should I say cover) everything but the most important question of all--the matter of how Lee Oswald did the apparently impossible, alone.

It shocks me to see how faithfully most of the "press" has represented that which tends to corroborate Oswald's guilt as prima facie evidence, and that which seems to cast doubt on the man's guilt as "wild rumors". Let's isolate this heavy thing to one disturbed individual. Let's not rock our undemocratic, political "ship of state". Perish the thought!

There's nothing like the assassination of a President and the murder of his assassin to reveal how economically-controlled and singularly "unfree" our speech (the press) really is.

Sincerely,


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P.S.

As a result of the Dallas-tragedy-fiasco, I fully expect an unusual wave of popular cynicism; lawlessness; a general disrespect for law (which we say as well regard as quasi or "do-it-yourself" revolutionary activity); until government comes to more truly reflect the will--not the false consciousness created by the "popular press"--of all the people.

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