

December 4, 1963

Attorney Richard Ely  
President of Memphis City Council  
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Ely:

I read a portion of the speech that you delivered in Nashville calling our beloved President a tyrant.

What I cannot understand is how an apparently educated man could make such a remark and call himself an American. If you have such strong rightist beliefs, how can you live in a Democratic Country.

I am writing you this letter and I am gravely disappointed to think that we have such people as you in the United States, and it is my personal opinion that spreading this kind of false accusation, creating bigotry and misunderstanding, is perhaps one of the reasons that our beloved President John Fitzgerald Kennedy is not with us today.

I should think you would bow your head in shame!

Very truly yours,

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