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Mr. Gerald Ford, President  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, District of Columbia

Dear Mr. President,

Pursuant to your recent press conference I respectfully make the following suggestion and subsequent request.

During the conference you responded to a reporter's question about the controversy over the John Kennedy assassination issue by stating that you would consider a limited re-examination of recent evidential theories. I personally and professionally urge such an undertaking by a select committee including two distinct realms of American citizenry. Primary to such a committee for both developmental and consultative basis would be a composite structure of experts in prescribed areas of examination. Next, may I suggest that a number of the investigative members be chosen from the informed lay population. Whether the assassination issue be clouded by mystique or mistake, these members could provide that necessary trichotomy of "grass roots" involvement, understanding, and explanation into the infamous event still lingering in our national conscience.

Please understand that the following request is founded upon my very personal feelings of loss on November 22, 1963. President Kennedy was to me and to my generation an ever present catalyst for self-improvement. I felt the tragic loss and residually decided to dedicate my life to the improvement of what I consider is our mutual goal of community safety. This career progression has included my work as a crime scene technician with a major state forensic laboratory, service as a police officer in Ann Arbor, Michigan during the turbulent youth crisis and questioning years of the late sixties, and currently in the role as a University professor attempting to initiate professional zeal in over 1,000 recruit police officers per year.

It is because of these facets of professional expertise, overshadowed by my own emotions of concern that I would at this time respectfully request consideration for the selection of involved citizenry for this crucial inquiry committee.

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Sincerely, 2 JAN 13 1976

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