

De Nohrenschmidt
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c/o American Embassy

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Dear Janet:

We were appalled and deeply disgusted by President Kennedy's cowardly assassination. We were ashamed that it happened in our home town. Now I ask you to express my deepest sympathy to your daughter and wife. Her son, my brother and I will always remember her as a charming little girl from East Hampton. So many sorrows have been raining on her young life.

Since we lived in Dallas permanently last year and before, we had the misfortune to have met Oswald and especially his wife Marina sometime last fall. Both my wife and I tried to help poor Marina who could not speak any English, was mistreated by her husband, she and the baby were malnourished and sickly. We took them to the hospital.

Recently last fall we heard that Oswald had beaten his wife cruelly, so we drove to their miserable place, and forcibly took Marina and the child away from the character. Then he threatened us and my wife but I did not take his seriously. Marina stayed with the family of some childless Russian refugees for a while, keeping her baby, but finally decided to return to her husband. Soon after them we lost interest in the Cowpards.

It is sadly a shame that such crimes occur in our cities and in our country. But there is so much jealousy for success - and the late President was successful in so many, so many - and there is so much desire for publicity on the part of all shady characters that assassinations are bound to occur. Better precautions should have been taken.

Regarding our discussion one day on the plane from Dallas to Washington? We spoke of criminal children and of the terrible problem of delinquency in the South. Oswald was just an expression of that cancer which is eating American youth.

You will recall this writing letter but I was just sittin' in my office thinking of the strange fact which made me know Jackie when she was a little girl - and which made we also knew the assassin (or responsible assassin) his wife and child. And your daughter has been of a lot help to the Cystic Fibrosis Research Foundation - which we had started in Texas several years ago. She was an honorary chairman of this foundation.

I do hope that Marina and her children (I understand she has two now) will not suffer too badly throughout their lives and that the tragedy will not affect the innocent children. Otherwise, I still have a suspicion. Don't, notwithstanding all the evidence, of Oswald's guilt. I just received a letter from a friend and he also became our familiar with you and expresses his deepest sympathy to you and

to your daughter.

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