

LETTERS

Toledo, Ohio

Dispute in Dallas *NEWSWEEK*

As one who has been active in the citizens' dispute over the inclusion of city history on the Kennedy assassination-site marker (NATIONAL AFFAIRS, April 18), I wish to offer some of my reflections on this Dallas morass.

Perhaps there is some reason, after all, involved in the emphasis of local historical trivia. Could it be that in the not-too-distant future the Texas School Book Depository will be razed and the contiguous area altered, due to, say, modernizing that section of the city? Then it would prove less awkward to move a general-history marker than to destroy a national monument to a President.

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■ As a former resident of Dallas I feel you have accurately interpreted the city's attitude toward the Kennedy assassination. Not only are they trying to sweep the memory of the sad event under the carpet, I suspect, further, that leaders of the town already have decided on what pretext the School Book Depository shall be torn down.

To draw some redemption from the site, why not preserve the building and Dealy Plaza, much in the manner that we have saved Ford's Theater as a na-

tional shrine? The building could house, for example, a center for government studies dedicated to the late President's memory, a place where those planning careers in government might study.

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