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Just about three years ago the NATIONAL GUARDIAN agreed to publish my first article regarding the assassination of President Kennedy. Many weekly and monthly publications, including such pillars of the Liberal Establishment as the Nation, had already declined to publish or even read the article.

At that time it was just the GUARDIAN. Today the surveys and the best-seller lists show that we stand with the majority of the American people in rejecting the conclusions offered by the Warren Commission.

This fact remains—today the circumstances surrounding the death of our President are as much a mystery as when the shots were fired. It is also a fact that the credibility gap grows greater each day as more of our fellow citizens realize that they may safely rely upon less of our government's press hand-outs.

It is sad indeed to understand that so many refuse to believe that which their government asserts is fact. It is sadder to conclude — as we must — that only the most naive can accept the false explanations offered by governmental sources. The growing gap between governmental allegations and citizen acceptance is a requirement when an administration seeks to impose a consensus from above based upon its own needs and one which is contrary to the facts.

There are too few publications in America willing to jeopardize their respectable role by pointing out the inconsistencies and contradictions present so often in the easy but false explanation.

You are to be commended for your refusal to concern yourself with acceptance.

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