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Dear Sir/Madam

I have waited five weeks to see if anything further to Simon Tisdall's column '*Meanings and memories of JFK*' in the 28 November issue would appear in the pages of the '*Guardian Weekly*' before writing. Sadly, I have seen nothing, hence this letter.

I am very disappointed the *Guardian* has let the thirtieth anniversary of the JFK assassination pass without a more serious comment. Simon Tisdall blandly accepts that Oswald was the President's assassin. This is incredible. A great many people worldwide would disagree with that view, and in the United States an overwhelming majority of people would reject it outright.

Why has the *Guardian* had nothing to say on the large number of official documents relating to the assassination presently being released - records from the CIA, the FBI, and the House Select Committee that looked into the JFK and Martin Luther King assassinations in the late 1970s? What of more recent news items questioning the credibility of the medical evidence, or the offer by Fidel Castro to open Cuba's files on the assassination to Western researchers? What of the remarkable worldwide promotion and publicity given by the CIA and its media assets this year to a new book by Gerald Posner (surely misnamed '*Case Closed*') reaffirming all the conclusions put forward by the Warren Commission? (This book was uncritically praised by most of the news media in the West, this in itself was a story waiting to be told.) Any or all of these should have been worth reporting in the context of the thirty year anniversary last November.

At the very least I think the '*Guardian*' could have written something to review the work of John F. Kennedy's thousand days in the White House, let alone that he was murdered and his body given an illegal and botched autopsy by the US military that is still largely shrouded in mystery, that the investigation of his murder was handled in a most inept manner by the FBI (indeed most informed critics charge that the murder was not investigated at all by the FBI, who were at the time themselves implicated by their association with the alleged assassin, and who have since managed to lose [sic] most of the critical ballistics evidence), or looked at what

has happened since 1964 -that since the release of the report by the Warren Commission there has been a relentless flow of criticism exposing its myriad weaknesses and contradictions to the point where most Americans now regard it cynically as no more than part of a government coverup.

I expected better from the *Guardian* than what I read on page 3 of the 28 November issue. I hope it is not too late to add something more appropriate to Simon Tisdall's meagre offering.

Yours faithfully

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they print it! I'll let you know

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