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Mr. William Colby, Director  
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RE: CIA - Warren Commission Investigation

Dear Mr. Colby:

More than ten years has passed since the completion of the investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy by the Warren Commission. Having been intimately involved in this investigation as one of the two Warren Commission counsel concentrating in what we called Area II--the determination of who was the assassin of President Kennedy--I know that beyond a reasonable doubt Lee Harvey Oswald killed both President John F. Kennedy and Dallas Police Officer J. D. Tippit on November 22, 1963.

However, as you know, there have been many false allegations about alleged CIA involvement in the assassination of President Kennedy as well as many other false allegations concerning this national tragedy. Since the completion of the Warren Commission investigation in 1964, the CIA has released a number of documents which at one time were classified. Nevertheless, a substantial number of documents have not been released.

Although I understand the concern of the CIA that a release of all of the documents which it made available to the Warren Commission might disclose sources and methods which the CIA believes might not at one time have been in the national interest to disclose, I believe that there is a greater overall national interest in full disclosure of all material that the CIA made available to the Warren Commission.

Mr. William Colby

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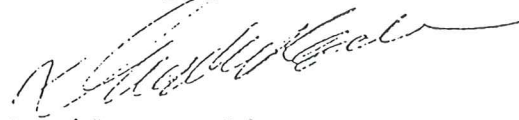
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Ultimately, the strength of our country rests on the confidence that American citizens have in their government. In the aftermath of Vietnam and Watergate, this confidence is relatively low. I would respectfully suggest that a starting point for a rebirth of confidence could be complete disclosure of the facts involving one of the major tragedies of American history...a disclosure which would put to rest many of the false claims by the assassination sensationalists and would also let the American people know the kind of assistance and cooperation that the CIA gave the Warren Commission.

Therefore, I would like to formally request under the Freedom of Information Act and regulations issued thereunder that you make available to me as an independent citizen from Iowa all material and documents which the CIA had in its possession at the time of the Warren Commission investigation which in any manner whatsoever relate to the assassination of President Kennedy and the investigation of that assassination by the Warren Commission.

Would you please advise me of the cost of obtaining access to these documents under your regulations, and I will promptly transmit my check for that amount to the Central Intelligence Agency.

Sincerely yours,



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