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RE: Warren Commission Documents - Archives

Dear Mr. Samson:

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, the majority of American people has fallen victim to assassination sensationalists who have misled millions of Americans into believing that Oswald was not the murderer of both President Kennedy and Officer Tippit. Part of the reason for the success of these Pied Pipers of sensationalism is that a substantial number of documents which were involved in the Warren Commission investigation have not yet been released.

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 have before it the entire record.

Mr. Arthur F. Samson

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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 are located in the National Archives 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, and I will promptly transmit my check for that amount to the General Services Administration.

Sincerely yours,



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