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The Honorable
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Dear David:

I appreciate your letter and the article you wrote.

As I told you this morning by telephone, I remember the facts quite well but I will again read the summary and the testimony of those who saw Oswald at the Depository, those who saw the shooting of Officer Tippit, Brewer, Governor Connally, and the ballistics experts. If you can think of any others to whom I should give special attention, let me know.

As I told you, I think you should advise President Ford that the BBC interviewers and others around Washington were interested chiefly in the Intelligence Committee Report on the alleged CIA plot to kill Castro and any possible connections with President Kennedy's assassination. I was asked if the Commission had any knowledge of such a plot and if Allan Dulles had ever spoken of such a plot. Of course I told them that we had no such knowledge and everything that we had heard was incorporated in our report.

Various newspaper people have also asked me about my views upon the ongoing investigation and whether such an investigation should be held. My response was

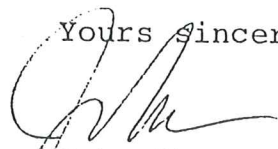
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that I had nothing to do with the initiative, but I saw nothing wrong in it as the purpose of our investigation was to secure the truth. I reiterated from time to time that I did not believe that any investigation would find anything beyond our own report, except speculation.

I am enclosing a copy of an article that appeared in the Washington Post on August 21, 1978, and a copy for President Ford.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'J. S. Cooper', written in dark ink.

John Sherman Cooper