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Dear Mr. Fensterwald,

Your letter of the 26th, assigning me to conduct a workshop consisting primarily of questions and answers, arrived while I was deep in preparation to reduce a vast amount of material to its essentials to be encompassed in a talk of some twenty-five to thirty minutes. I was so engaged in accordance with Ms Wyatt's invitation of September 21st, in your name, to speak "and/or" be a panelist at the conference November 23 and 24. I was planning to indicate briefly the principal features of three assassinations which took place at critical moments in history: Henry IV of France and A. Lincoln and John F. Kennedy. My aim is to set them in historical context. If I am successful it would be a concrete application and demonstration of the validity of Marx's materialist conception of history. Secondary aims in connection with analysis of the assassination of President Kennedy are examination of the problem of motivation and exposition of the political logic which engendered and controlled the Warren Commission and dictated its findings. A derivative benefit of this approach would be indications of direction for further investigation and research.

Would such a presentation be suitable for the workshop you have in mind for me? If not, can it nevertheless be included in the agenda of the conference, perhaps among talks on various theories of the political murders which bedevil contemporary life in the United States? Will you let me know, please, as promptly as you can?

Hopefully,

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