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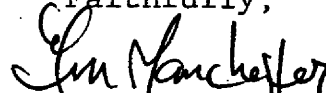
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Dr. Paul L. Hoch
1525 Acton St.
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Dear Dr. Hoch:

After President Kennedy's assassination I interviewed Dr. Burkley at great length and we became close friends. He did not at that time believe in a conspiracy theory. Indeed he was emphatic on that point. He is a shy man and sometimes his silences are misinterpreted. I share the feelings with millions of Americans that I wish I had evidence of a conspiracy. It would mean President Kennedy died for a cause. I did spend three years on this task, I am an experienced investigator, and I did not find proof or even the suggestion that proof existed.

Faithfully,



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