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Dear Mr. Bernabei,

Your letter of 30 April was most interesting and I appreciate the pains to which you went to provide a full picture of your views on the WR and your activities. I congratulate you on your success as a lecturer on the assassination. Not all of us have the gift, and some of us (the critics of the WR) are ill-equipped for public speaking or debate, however great our expertise. It is therefore good to know that you were able to make such an impressive impact on your audience and I hope that you will continue this essential task of education.

I have not heard of Mr. Gary Murr before nor of his independent research. Personally, I take a very dim view of citizen's committees, which inevitably come to spend 80 percent of their energies on administration and membership drives. Of course, they do accomplish some good, and certainly the motivation is excellent, but I doubt if the labor and expense of organizing and operating such a committee is really warranted in terms of results. I suspect that the same in-put on an individual basis such as lectures, articles, etc., ultimately is more effective and more genuinely productive. There is a citizen's committee in New York at this time but its persistent and sometimes heroic efforts seem to come to little.

If I am able to be of some help to you, I will try to do so, of course. I have not yet made plans for the summer but it may be that I will take a longish vacation, as I have had none since July 1964. But if I am in the city when you visit here, I'll be glad to meet with you.

My impression is that the growing disquiet about the manner in which the assassination of Martin Luther King is being investigated by the FBI has already revived questions about Dallas in many people. This should make your lectures all the more useful, and your audiences all the more receptive. Best of luck, and do feel free to be in touch whenever you wish.

Yours sincerely,

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