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Representative John V. Lindsay
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Dear Congressman Lindsay,

Your election by a stunning majority was an occasion of genuine pleasure, equalled only by gratification at the decisive defeat of the Republican presidential candidate and his supporters. I feel certain that I will not regret having cast my vote for the "Republican" candidate in the 17th District, as I assured two members of your staff who called on me before the election I would. The quotation marks in the preceding sentence indicate merely that I cannot identify your record with the philosophy of negativism and anachronism which generally characterizes the Republican Party.

I should like to thank you for your thoughtful letter of 5 August 1964 on the question of your amendment to make participation in U.S. Social Security non-mandatory in the case of U.S. citizens employed in the United Nations and specialized agencies. It is unfortunate that action on your bill was not possible during the last Congress. The UN staff association--which is responsible fundamentally for the present mandatory participation, for which it lobbied with more passion than sense and without adequate consultation with other staff groups --is now agitating within the United Nations to compel the Secretary-General to pay the employer's share in U.S. staff members' social security payments, and retroactively, to boot. I cannot but regard this as deplorable. Personally, I should not wish the non-affluent Member States who already pay their share of my salary and pension to tax their citizens to give me dual retirement benefits, when they themselves have neither the same expectation of longevity nor an adequate standard of living.

Meanwhile, I have never made any payment for the social security coverage as a self-employed participant since the existing provisions

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compelling participation by U.S. citizens employed by the United Nations came into force about three years ago. I have withheld payment on the grounds of double jeopardy, so to speak, and the unreasonable requirement to consider myself "self-employed." No doubt I will find myself in hot water on this score before too long. Can you advise me of my legal position? Would I become liable to anything more serious than back payments with interest? Could I appeal to the courts for redress without undertaking staggering costs? I will be grateful for your advice.

On another subject: I have written to you in the past about the investigation of the assassination of the President and I feel sure that you felt great concern about the methods and impartiality of the Warren Commission. The Report was issued at a time when candidates for office were completely occupied with the election campaign and I assume that you have not yet had an opportunity to study the Report carefully in its entirety. My own prolonged and painstaking reading of the Report has left me with grave doubts about the Warren Commission's objectivity and the validity of its conclusions. I have prepared an analysis of the Report which indicates some of the serious discrepancies and defects to be found in it. I take the liberty of sending you a copy of my critique in the hope that you will find time to read it.

I should very much like to have an appointment with you, when convenient, to discuss the Warren Report. I can be reached at home at Chelsea 2-4293 or at the office at Plaza 4-1234 ext 2024. If you feel unable to give the time to this matter--and I realize that you have compelling duties at this time--I would be grateful if you would return this manuscript, as I have very few copies available.

Again, my congratulations on your victory and my thanks for your patient interest in the problems I have raised.

Yours sincerely,

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