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Dear Congressman Lindsay,

I was grateful for your letter of 4 December 1963 with which you kindly sent me a copy of the bill you have introduced concerning social security payments by U.S. citizens employed at the United Nations. I very much appreciate the fact that you not only take an interest in a problem brought to your attention but do whatever is in your power to find a solution. It is unfortunate that Congressional procedures are such that the original amendment could have been enacted despite its glaring defects and that your bill of amendment is apparently not receiving prompt attention. It does seem to me to underline the need for reform of legislative procedures and for the nomination and election of responsible Congressmen. I fear that there are not many representatives of your own high calibre in the Congress.

All this is by way of prelude, as the main subject of this letter is again the investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy. In your letter of 4 December 1963 you expressed confidence that the Warren Commission "will make a thorough and impartial investigation." Since that time there have been ominous "leaks" to the press suggesting that the Warren Commission in its report will confirm the FBI thesis that the assassination was the act of an unstable individual, acting by himself. It has also emerged, since your letter was written, that the Commission has not conducted an independent investigation --including an investigation of the FBI itself in so far as that agency was involved in matters before, during, and after the assassination--and that, according to Justice Warren himself, certain aspects of the Commission's findings will be suppressed "for reasons of national security."

I have continued to study all available information and in particular an article by Professor Mordecai Brienegg which appeared in the London publication, Specxtator and a book, Who Killed Kennedy, by Thomas Buchanan. I commend both the article and the book to your attention, if you have not yet read them. They raise certain basic and vital questions which cannot but attach the gravest doubt to the validity of the thesis that Oswald acting alone was responsible for evil events of November 22nd. One can only hope that the Warren Commission's report will satisfactorily answer those questions; personally, I have little confidence that it will. If not, it is absolutely vital that these questions should be pressed and pressed vocally---in the House of Representatives, in the other responsible institutions in this country, and by citizens. There follow some of the questions which I hope that you will wish to raise if they are not fully elucidated by the Warren Commission's report.

1. Why was the Texas Book Depository Building not among the buildings searched in advance of the President's visit?
2. Why was no police, Secret Service or FBI officer stationed on the overpass, which was an obvious location from which an attempt to harm the President might be made?
3. How is it that District Attorney Wade first announced that the assassination weapon was a German Mauser? This was a categorical statement. Was such a Mauser found? If so, was it found on the overpass?

4. What is the explanation for the announcement that a marked diagram of the motorcade route was said to have been found in Oswald's room but was later said "not to exist"?
5. How did a known Marxist and defector to the Soviet Union like Oswald succeed in obtaining a passport in one day?
6. How did the FBI trace his mail-order purchase of a rifle in one day? Or did they have it in their records before the assassination? If so, how could they be so sure that he was not likely to be dangerous that they did not report him to the Dallas police for surveillance on the date of the President's visit?
7. Is it true that Jack Ruby and the policeman Tippit were "like two brothers," according to Ruby's sister? If so, is it merely co-incidental that one was allegedly killed by Oswald and the other killed Oswald?
(Only a village idiot could believe that.)
8. Why was the alarm sent out to pick up Oswald on the grounds that he was the only employee absent, when in fact he was seen and spoken to immediately after the assassination by a Dallas policeman and by his supervisor, Mr. Truly?
9. Why was his rooming house not surrounded immediately by police, who must have had his address as well as the full description of his appearance that was given in the alarm to all police?
10. What was Oswald's own account of his ~~movements~~ movements during the two days ~~of~~ his interrogation by the Dallas police?

11. Why did Oswald have on his person when arrested the home and office telephone numbers, and the auto license number, of the FBI official in charge of the Dallas area? (Hasty)
12. Why did he also have the name and phone number of General Walker?
13. Why has the FBI changed its account of the number of bullets and the wounds no less than five times?
14. Why, in fact, has the only constant factor in the FBI's thesis been the insistence on Oswald's guilt, while the evidence has been changed with dizzying rapidity each time it seemed to indicate that Oswald was not guilty, or not acting alone?

These are only a few of the questions that occur at random; there are many others. I take the liberty to calling them to your attention in full confidence that you will do everything possible to see that we do not fail President Kennedy in explaining his death as we failed him in protecting his life.

With thanks and cordial regards,