

COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE  
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Chief Justice Earl Warren  
U. S. Supreme Court  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chief Justice:

You have served your state and your country well throughout your entire career, making significant and historic contributions to our society and our government. You have shown tremendous courage and integrity that can be reflected only in the historic impact of your work. You are now in a unique position to make another invaluable contribution to your country. As one of your ardent admirers through the years, I hesitate urging you to assume the burden involved. But as Executive Director of the Committee to Investigate Assassinations, I feel a responsibility to do so.

For good and substantial reasons, we are asking you to advocate publicly a second investigation of President Kennedy's assassination.

The first step, and probably the most difficult one for you, will be to convince yourself that the Commission's findings need to be reconsidered. There is much new evidence which will be discussed later but first there are certain aspects of the old evidence which in light of more recent events might convince you that the case needs reopening.

Among other things, there is the question of what Jack Ruby might have told the Commission if he had been removed from the custody and vicinity of the Dallas officials. There is also the wonder of the single magic bullet #399, and the belief of Governor and Mrs. Connally that the Governor was struck by a separate bullet. And further there is the film of President Kennedy's head snapping violently backward after the fatal shot allegedly struck him from the rear in apparent violation of Newton's law of motion.

We strongly and respectfully urge you to review carefully the evidence, all twenty-six volumes of it. To help in this formidable task, we are sending under separate cover, the book "Accessories After the Fact" by Sylvia Meagher. We believe it to be thorough, honest and accurate review of all the evidence you collected including some which the Commission did not see because it was printed after the Commission was disbanded. However, it is all in the twenty-six volumes.

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It is our hope that you will read the book objectively, disregarding any and all criticism implied or direct of yourself and the Commission. If after carefully reading this book and checking it against the raw evidence, you are still convinced that Lee Harvey Oswald was the lone assassin of President Kennedy, then we rest our case and will take our plea elsewhere.

If, however, you wish to proceed further, then the second step is to look at the new evidence. Our Committee has become the national focal point for new evidence pertaining to who fired the shots, who planned the assassination, and how it was accomplished. The Committee has concentrated on finding out who those people were and why they did it. We have learned much of the story and have collected evidence which could be used either in a courtroom, in front of a Commission, or before a Congressional Committee.

We would be pleased to review this evidence with you privately and at your convenience. Much of it is documentary or photographic evidence. The cameras present in Dallas on November 22 recorded what happened and who was involved in a much more accurate way than most witnesses could have done. Yet, you had access to less than 5% of the photographic evidence. Hundreds of still photographs and movie sequences were taken by more than 75 photographers in Dealey Plaza at the time of the assassination or within a short time afterwards. The Committee has collected most of this photographic evidence and has analyzed it thoroughly. We have located many of the participants in the assassination and their associates, and we have interviewed a few of them. The new evidence has been collected by private individuals and groups all over the country with no help or cooperation from Federal Agencies. However, there has been isolated help from local authorities.

The time required to review all of this evidence would be about two days. The evidence including diagrams, maps, slides and movies would be shown in a logical pattern supplemented by eyewitness and other testimony.

The third step, if you decide to act would be your call for a new official investigation of the assassination and its aftermath. Here your courage and fortitude would be put to another test because there would be extreme opposition from many quarters. As you know, several Congressmen and private individuals have attempted to reopen the investigation or to introduce legislation to do so. Senator Eugene McCarthy, in particular, stated publicly he would reopen the matter if elected President. These efforts have all met with little success and massive opposition.

The implications of reopening the case are obvious, and they go beyond identifying and prosecuting the planners and the killers. You would undoubtedly have to stand up to accusations that you are implying the original Commission purposely covered up the facts about the assassination.

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As for our Committee, we feel there is nothing to be gained by impugning the motives of either the Commission or its members. We believe the Commission's conclusions were wrong, and it is now necessary to bring the truth to the American people.

We recognize the enormity of what we have asked you to do but feel it must be done. We believe you to be one of our nation's few really great Chief Justices. We fervently hope that history will not have to tarnish your image because of the failure of the Commission to reveal the truth.

The people of our nation have the strength and the character to withstand the impact of a full investigation of all the facts. Therefore, we respectfully urge you to take this opportunity to evaluate the facts we have developed which, together with facts developed by the Commission, reveal true circumstances of this most tragic event.

Sincerely yours,



Bernard Fensterwald, Jr.  
Executive Director  
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At their request, we have removed the names of Mrs. Maggie Field and Mrs. Shirley Lester from our membership. The former was included in the membership in error; we deeply apologize for this error.