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Mr. Bernard Fensterwald 4036 North 27th Street Arlington, Va. 22207

Dear Mr. Fensterwald,

Thank you for your letter of October 11, and your invitation to join the "Committee to Investigate Assassinations". I must, however, decline your invitation for two main reasons:

- 1) As a French citizen, having covered the Kennedy assassination only in my capacity and within my duties as a press correspondent, I feel it would be improper for me to become a member of any formal organization such as yours in the United States.
- 2) Since you mention New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison as one of the main promoters of this idea, I wish to add that the way he has dealt with the question appears to me to be incompatible with any serious search for the truth. I would therefore refuse in any case to be associated with him.

Very sincerely yours,

Léo Sauvage