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Jackie Hess  
Select Committee on Assassinations  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Hess:

Since I'm leaving town tomorrow, and haven't received the list of key areas you mentioned, I won't try to come up with a list of unanswered questions. As you know, there aren't many questions in the JFK case which have been satisfactorily answered so far. Of course, I would welcome the chance to go over the list of questions which was prepared for the Committee last year.

I think the most useful unanswered questions might be those relating to the actions of the Dallas Police and other authorities in identifying Oswald first as a suspect and then as the lone assassin. The problems with the Warren Commission's analysis in this area were very well identified in Sylvia Meagher's book.

I would now be particularly interested in finding links between these post-assassination actions and prior knowledge of Oswald by the various agencies involved. For example, I would like to know:

Did the DPD really not know who Oswald was? If they didn't, why not?

What did the FBI agents in Dallas think of the DPD investigation?

Why did the FBI apparently suspect that Oswald was someone else's intelligence agent?

What did ATF agents do, and see, in the TSBD?

What happened to the SS copy of the DPD radio tapes?

I hope we will be able to talk about the kind of questions which existing documentary evidence can help answer. There are many relevant government records which have never been made public. These include:

Pre-assassination files on Oswald and Ruby (FBI, maybe CIA and DOD)

Post-assassination investigative reports not given to the Warren

Commission (e.g., FBI interviews of Luis Kutner and Ed Butler)

Internal post-assassination reports (e.g., FBI Inspector Gale's 1963 memo, and the 1967 CIA I.G. Report [the "Primula Report"])

Testimony taken for later investigations (e.g., for the Rockefeller Commission and the Schweiker-Hart Subcommittee)

Last September, I prepared a memo outlining my views at Rick Feeney's request. It was specifically directed at what could be done in the Committee's first few months, and is somewhat outdated; for example, now I would not want to discourage giving high priority to the physical evidence. Nonetheless, it might be a more useful summary of my ideas on unanswered questions than anything I could prepare right now.

I'm looking forward to the conference, and to meeting you. If you have anything to send me this week, please mail it care of H. Hoch, 128 W. Main St., Shepherdstown, WV 25443 (304-876-6720). I plan to be there Thursday and Friday.

Sincerely,

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