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Jay Levin  
c/o Rep. Christopher J. Dodd  
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House of Representatives  
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Dear Mr. Levin,

I would like to pass on some comments on three recent columns by Jack Anderson.

A week before the Select Committee's report was released, Anderson presented a fairly accurate description, with some long quotations, apparently based on a nearly final draft of the report. [This column appeared on December 24, 1976; all dates refer to the versions I have seen in the S.F. Chronicle.]

On January 17, part of Anderson's column discussed an impending Committee request for the full FBI files which the Warren Commission "never dared ask for" because they were in "such awe" of Hoover. Although Anderson refers to the FBI's files on the assassination, his description seems to fit the FBI's files on Oswald better. The latter issue was the subject of my manuscript, which your office has. I have repeatedly suggested that the Committee should place high priority on getting these files and all other relevant documentary evidence.

Today, Anderson is reporting on an unnamed witness who claims to have seen Oswald in the company of his own CIA contact in Dallas. For unclear reasons, Anderson links this to the Odio incident, which is also a special interest of mine. On the basis of the column, it is impossible to evaluate the witness, but I am not impressed (as the Committee investigators reportedly were) by the fact that he told the same story more than once.

Naturally I am interested in reports that the Committee is looking into areas of special concern to me. I would, of course, have preferred to find that out from the staff directly, or from the Committee's public report.

As you know, Mr. Dodd has balanced his careful arguments for an open investigation with a specific warning against leaks. The purpose of this letter is to serve as a reminder that Jack Anderson was deeply involved (along with Pearson, Morgan, Roselli, Warren, Rowley, the CIA, et al.) in the 1967 flap described in section V.B of the Schweiker Report. Exactly what happened in 1967 is unclear, but there appears to have been a largely successful effort by Mafia-linked people involved in the CIA's plotting against Castro to put pressure on the government by bringing up alleged links to the Kennedy assassination. Anderson's personal role in those incidents may not be well known to the Committee staff, since he is not named in the Schweiker Report and apparently did not testify in connection with that Report; however, he did describe his role in some columns last year.

The whole 1967 flap is, I think, one of the most promising leads which the Committee should be investigating - and also one of the most sensitive. I have nothing against Jack Anderson personally, but he is literally the last reporter who should be getting leaks from the Committee or its staff!

Sincerely,

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P.S.: If my letter of January 8 has not reached you, you can get a copy from Mr. Walsh or Mr. Tannenbaum at the Committee.

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