CITIZENS' COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY

156 Fifth Avenue - Room 421, New York, New York 10010 YUkon 9-6850 Cable: CITINQUIRY NEWYORK

MARK LANE

DICK GREGORY
Vice-Chairman

ROBERT GWATHMEY

DEIRDRE GRISWOLD Executive Director

West Coast:

Berkeley Citizens'
Committee of Inquiry
P.O. Box 345
Berkeley, California

Britain:

The British "Who Killed Kennedy?" Committee 3/4 Shavers Place Haymarket, London SWI England Chairman: Bertrand Russell

Denmark:

The Danish Citizens'
Committee of Inquiry
Jorgen Jacobsen
Pilestraede 43
Kobenhavn V
Denmark

Los Angeles
Citizens' Committee of Inquiry
P. O. Box 24755
Los Angeles,
California 90024

January 20, 1965

Dear Friend:

To the many people who have indicated through letters or interest slips that they saw the need for an independent investigation of the death of President Kennedy, this is an urgent appeal for funds now, to help the Citizens' Committee out of an acute financial crisis.

Our committee has been in existence for 10 months, and has been self-sufficient during that period thanks to the hard work and long hours of many volunteers who staffed scores of meetings and other projects where the proceeds went to the Citizens' Committee. We ran debates, parties and lectures. We provided a forum where all the intricate and sweeping questions about the assassination could be aired. In the process, we raised funds to further our independent investigation and keep alive a coordinating organization.

Since November, the focus of our activities has shifted, and we have concentrated all our energies on a careful scrutiny of the Warren Report, and the pursuit of the many questions raised therein. This has meant increased expenses for investigative work. It has also meant that the income from meetings or other activities has been nil. This is as it should be, for we are not a fund raising organization per se, and the search for more credible information on the assassination is our primary goal.

The results of the last few months' intensive research will be released this spring in a book containing the definitive answer to the Warren Commission report. Mr. Mark Lane, in conjunction with the committee's research staff, is now putting the finishing touches to this work. Publication is already assured here and throughout Europe. We believe that the impact of this book will reopen the question of the assassination in a way impossible ever again to dismiss fraudulently. Meetings are being planned to coincide with the publication of this document.

But there is the meantime. Bills have piled up and our funds are nearly exhausted. Payment of taxes due at the end of this month will finish what is now on hand. We will not be able to maintain an office, send out further mailings, or meet our other obligations without your help.

Our task is far from finished. Please help us over this crucial period, if you believe that the question of the Kennedy assassination is momentous and deserves a further independent inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

Desire Griswold