

# CITIZENS' COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY

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JACKIE PILCHER  
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Mrs. Sylvia Meagher  
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New York, N.Y. 10014

Dear Mrs. Meagher,

May I begin by commending you on several of your articles which have been excellent. If this country is to survive, it will be on the merits of people such as yourself.

Here in California, we have revived the Citizens' Committee of Inquiry, however, this time its nature is quite different. To begin with, our purposes are (1) to force a new investigation of the assassination, and (2) to further the distribution of literature critical of the Warren Report. Secondly, we do not stand with any one critic apart from the others. We would greatly appreciate your support.


There are three ways in which we feel that you could help us. First, enclosed you will find a copy of the proposed petition. We appreciate it if you would read it, and return to us either your approval of it, or any suggestions as to how it may be improved. Enclosed is a stamp for your convenience. Secondly, we would like to add an advisory board of prominent national people to our stationary in a list on the left. Would you consent to the use of your name? Lastly, we would like to see groups formed in every major city in the nation. Here in Los Angeles, we have close to 800 members. A group is being started in San Francisco by Hal Verb. Unfortunately, we know of no activity on this order in the East. Do you know of anyone who may be interested in such a venture?

Letters similar to this one are being sent to every major critic. Already, we have received verbal support and approval of the petition from Harold Weissberg, Ray Marcus, and Maggie Field (who gave us your

address and has been invaluable in her assistance). Mark Lane has helped us immensely and we hope to hear from him about the petition shortly. This movement will not be a slipshod, half-hearted attempt. The petitions will be submitted when we have enough signatures to force a good bill through Congress.

Please send a reply to my home at 4829 Morella Avenue, North Hollywood, California 91607. I am looking forward to hearing from you now and in the future.

Very sincerely yours,

  
Steven J. Burton

p.s.

If you know of any Senators or Congressmen who may be interested in helping, I would appreciate a note .

s.b.

A PETITION

To Renew the Investigation of the Assassination of John F. Kennedy

WHEREAS: The Report of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy (Warren Commission) has failed to prove conclusively to the American people that one man, acting alone, was responsible for the death of the President.

WHEREAS: Evidence relevant to the assassination of President Kennedy has been made unavailable to the public until September of the year 2039 A.D. by executive order.

WHEREAS: The citizens of the United States of America are greatly concerned that the assassin(s) of John F. Kennedy be identified conclusively.

Therefore, we, the undersigned citizens of the United States of America, hereby demand that?

- (1) The Congress of the United States of America institute a new investigation of the assassination of John F. Kennedy to be conducted by qualified non-government lawyers, criminologists, pathologists, et.al., employing advocate procedures in open public hearings.
- (2) The new investigative body be empowered to examine all of the evidence including that which is now classified, and that all of the evidence be subsequently published or otherwise made available to the public.
- (3) The assassin(s) of President Kennedy be identified conclusively.

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