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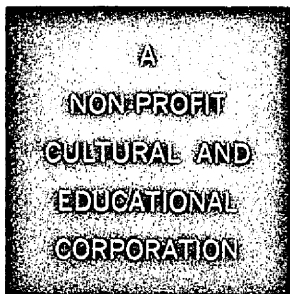
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Dear Mr. Garrison and Others:

In Los Angeles today a steering committee of 100 voted to forge links between groups across the nation that are committed to a new investigation of the murder of John F. Kennedy. In California this means generating pressure on the Governor to extradite the men slated to testify in New Orleans and, most important, organizing a state-wide conference of concern among groups outside of the Peace and Human Rights movement.

Area-wide conferences around the country would culminate in a national conference in Washington, D.C., in April. A conference and an action. From Washington we can call for a national mobilization in Chicago during the democratic convention in August. Care will be taken to insure that this action does not distract from either the beginning of Dr. Martin Luther King's Washington action or of the April Draft Resistance action (many of us are involved with both, in any case), but, rather, we will make a vector with them. Also at the national level plans are underway for a \$100,000 reward for information, as well as a touring "truth squad" complete with simulations, etc.

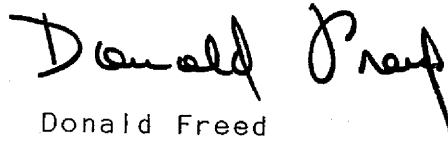
We need, from you, any suggestions and reactions. We will be keeping in touch with all of you concerning fast developing plans. Enclosed is a list for response. To those who have worked alone and unaided until now, against all odds, interceding for the men, women and children of this unhappy, confused land of ours, to them we pledge that the momentous question of who murdered John F. Kennedy will be brought into the 1968 political campaign, into the voting booth, into the streets, into the consciousness of the American people. And we call on the entire movement for a united front on this potent issue.



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1. We have not chosen a name until we have your suggestions, so that there can be national coordination.
2. We need any other names of interested groups.
3. Suggest names of notables for national board.
4. Will we be able to count on you all to speak at large rallies, teach-ins, and for Washington?
5. We would appreciate a special delivery response to be read, as a sign of solidarity, to our next meeting.
6. Please give special consideration to April Washington conference and Chicago national mobilization.

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Notes taken at UCLA meeting January 27, 1968, to start grass-roots movement to force official action to find out who killed Kennedy:

Goals and methods: admit we don't know the facts and should know them.

Credibility gap lies behind disorders in street, etc.

Took list of names of those present.

"Lack of information without which our role as citizens is ridiculous."

Lack of trust in government.

More had seen notice of meeting in Free Press than in Los Angeles Times.

"In a democracy all issues must be debated in the forum." This issue hasn't been. Not one candidate for office will talk about assassination."

Only every four years to do we have a chance to solve problems without revolution.

Most disbelieve Warren Report. Is a feeling in the country it must be introduced into the debate. Point made that lack of discussion by the candidates may be quickly changed--public can force it, implication.

Reporters in field beginning to split from policy of their papers. Los Angeles Times last week had three stories on Garrison--of respectful, hedging note. It was broadcast news-men who invited Garrison here to speak--another straw in the wind.

Will be more and more attention from press as we hold more meetings and grow, etc.

Critical reference to local judge shielding man here identified as having been seen on steps of Book Depository minutes after assassination, posing as "secret service" man. (Guy was Edgar Bradley; identified by former Dallas Deputy Sheriff Roger Craig.)

"If they can blow the president's brains out, who else is safe?"

Should have a series of conferences, climaxing with big one in Washington. Set up liaison with Garrison. Maybe have national teach-in, etc. Other proposals to build pressure tentatively suggested.

World press will focus on US this summer at three points: Chicago for political conventions, Washington for Martin Luther King's activities, third spot? Take advantage of these opportunities to arouse notice.

Discussion from audience: Pointed out many others have been killed in wake of assassination. "We must stop being cowards."

Presence of FBI noted. Reference to "J. Edgar" being "senile." Dog could have identified harrassing calls to Freed, during past week. "Convene our own (Warren) commission."

Proposal to offer reward for information leading to conviction of assassins. This proposal applauded. Proposal to set up gallery of the dead, with pictures showing those killed or who died unaccountably as witnesses to the assassination. This gallery to be mobile. Prize to be offered for duplicating Oswald's alleged shooting feat- (which best riflemen in country have failed to match--or even approach, although Oswald was an inferior shot and the Carcano he supposedly used an antique with a wobbly sight, firing 20-year-old ammunition). Above proposals made by Jack Kimbrough.

Stressed that all criminals involved should be caught: FBI men, oil men, CIA, etc.

Free Press woman said her paper goes to all states in Union, and that there will be pickups from it by other papers.

"Let the chips fall where they may."

"Who killed Kennedy?" proposal as name for group was moved, seconded, but not voted on as other ideas on name were heard.

Call to generate letters to Unruh, Bielsen, Reagan, etc., tell them to get on ball or we'll vote for somebody else.

Hope for conference of thousands, maybe with Garrison as speaker. (Personal comment: I feel that while the press ignored him last time, the climate has since changed, and is continuing to change. I don't think they would ignore him next time.)

Meet again next Saturday, same place, February 3.

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