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Dear Ray,

Thank you for sending me copies of your letters of July 12, July 24, and August 7 to Charles Wyckoff, and the "reply" sent on his behalf by Leo M. Kelly. I am very glad that you are compiling this record of unanswered letters, which are very similar to the letters I addressed--also without reply--to some fifteen of the Warren Commission members and lawyers, on purely factual questions arising from the published testimony and exhibits, and to the many subsequent letters of the same nature which our fellow-critics and we ourselves have directed, without reply, to various apologists for the Warren Report. I have no doubt that in due course this impressive body of correspondence, which remained unanswered solely because they presented irrefutable arguments, will be put to constructive and positive use.

It is most reassuring to see these cornered charlatans take refuge in silence, or the even more cowardly expedient of having their secretaries or lawyers reply on their behalf. It merely underlines and formalizes the bankruptcy of their position and their total default as scholars, scientists, or just plain honest men. We could expect nothing else from these houseboys and trained poodles, these Wyckoffs, Midgleys, and their ilk, who have volunteered or sold their services to the gangsters who are in power.

But the gangsters will not remain in power much longer (unless, of course, they openly seize the country and turn it into an overt garrison State). We should perhaps start thinking about possible courses of action when a new and hopefully a decent administration takes over. Certainly we should then intensify our efforts to obtain declassification of all suppressed documents and evidence, and to arrange a new investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy. But we should not overlook the lackeys who have propagandized and lied to the people and withheld vital information, in attempts to rehabilitate the fraudulent Report.

It is not too early to start examining the statutes on complicity after the fact in homicide, on aiding and abetting the escape of guilty persons, and on the obstruction of justice. Probably there are no laws on the books which are directly applicable to the situation with which we are concerned. Jurists and legislators no doubt failed to foresee the possibility that men in high places and powerful institutions such as the news media would, in the aftermath of the assassination of an American President, devote themselves to conscious deformation of fact, perversion of evidence, and promotion of a despicable fiction. No statutes were written and no penalties decreed for such ugly, criminal, and possibly treasonous acts (President Kennedy was Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, which may imply treason on the part of the assassins and their accessories after the fact). I need scarcely recall that it was only after Hitler's Third Reich that genocide laws were written---who could have foreseen, in advance, that the human species was capable of such foul degradation and degeneracy? It was an unwritten law that as man should not kill man he should not kill a whole people; and I think it is equally an unwritten law that a citizen may not protect assassins and their fellow-conspirators from answering for their crimes by misrepresenting or suppressing evidence against the official hypothesis of the lone assassin. I see no insuperable obstacle

to applying, in the case of the Wyckoffs and Midgleys, the principles and precepts on which the War Crimes Trials at Nuremberg were founded, and I think we should even now begin to consider, discuss, research, and plan in that direction.

Of course, we cannot put such people on trial for their cowardice, hypocrisy, venality, fatuousness, or bed-wetting. It should be a crime when such men demean the human species, capable as it is of great nobility, by their despicable and dirty betrayals of decency and justice, and of truth itself. But that would depopulate the networks and the corporations from which they recruit their menials.

We must make sure that the whole shameful record of these two-bit "scientists" and their fellow-panderers comes before the American people, name by name and detail by detail. They are even more abhorrent, I think, than the assassins.

Who said we have no rat-control programme? Congratulations, Ray, on cornering this gross and ugly specimen.

Yours sincerely,

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