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Senator John Tower
U. S. Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Tower,

According to a story in the Los Angeles Free Press of 5 April 1968, you have expressed the view that the results of the New Orleans investigation, if they include new facts which merit investigation, will influence you to support the reopening of the Warren Report and the investigation of the Kennedy assassination.

I am most regretful to find that you consider the Garrison investigation as a decisive criterion in this matter. This so-called investigation is already discredited by flagrant departures from fact and logic and by resort to witnesses and testimony which have not the slightest claim on credibility.

There is no valid reason whatever to make the reexamination of the Kennedy assassination dependent on the lunatic "probe" in New Orleans. The grounds for reopening the case are entirely independent of the New Orleans vaudeville, which has a great deal in common with the less sensational but equally insupportable Warren Report. The massive and pivotal defects of the Warren Report have been fully and scrupulously documented in the published critical literature—including, I would hope, my own full-length book, my subject index to the Report and the Hearings and Exhibits, and my magazine articles.

The fact that the Administration, and the Kennedy family as well, have no inclination to reopen the investigation and to determine the truth about the Kennedy assassination—which is not found in the Warren Report—requires all the more that those who are unwilling to compromise on issues of justice and truth must work energetically and persistently for a reexamination of this case and the rectification of a terrible miscarriage of justice. I would therefore appeal to you not to base your position on the outcome of the New Orleans investigation but solely on the Warren Report itself and its demonstrated inaccuracies, falsehoods, and unreliability.

Yours very sincerely,

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