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Dear Joe,

I was very glad to hear from you, but sorry to learn that the NY Free Press is in difficulties. The Minority of One, which has published so much of my work (including articles in the June and the July/August issues), has given me some familiarity with the agonies of keeping an anti-Establishment periodical afloat. If it is of any help, I will be glad to subscribe to the NY Free Press—the only reason I haven't done so earlier is that there is always a mountain of work related to the assassination, and now the more recent assassinations as well, and a lot of "housekeeping" chores just don't get done. Like your editor, I have been working 80 hours most weeks, since the WR was issued, but at least I have been spared financial stringency. Enclosed is a check for a two-year subscription.

My experience with Mark Lane has produced a feeling of loathing and distrust. I regard him as a very unprincipled and self-serving person. He told the story of the two RFK emissaries visiting Garrison on a Philadelphia TV interview only a few hours after RFK's death was made public and when Tink Thompson told me about Lane's allegations, I said immediately that I thought he had fabricated the whole thing. Just the same, I did check with persons who would be in a position to be authoritative and, as I suspected, there was not one grain of truth to the whole presentation.

The plane trip to New York with the body was reported in one edition of the New York Times on 6/7/68. Here is an excerpt: "During the entire four and a half hour flight, Mr. Vanocur said Senator Edward M. Kennedy sat next to the coffin, talking with David Rackett, a classmate of Robert Kennedy. He described the Senator's mood as 'mad.' 'He's mad at what happens in this country. He does not know whether it is the act of a single person, or whether this is the act of a conspiracy. His brother (John) was killed by a rather faceless man whom we suspect, though we don't know for sure, was Lee Harvey Oswald.'" Since this is a direct quote by The Times, I cannot understand why Vanocur denies it. As a matter of fact, several people in my office had told me even before I saw the story in The Times that they had heard Vanocur make remarks to that effect on Channel 4 TV.

I would like to borrow your copy of Bulletin From Dallas, if I may. According to Richard E. Sprague, who is THE authority on films and photos taken on 11/22/63, Ron Reiland took some 14 sequences of TV footage but "The Reiland sequence inside the Texas Theatre was too dark to see anything until 'Oswald' was nearly out the door." I do not believe that Reiland's film or anyone else's shows a man pulling a gun on a policeman, pulling the trigger, etc., since I am certain on the basis of all the available evidence that this just never happened. Please stay in touch, Joe, and when you have a chance, send me your phone numbers in case I ever have any leads that might interest you. Also, I forgot to say above that while I feel that The Minority of One has first call on any articles I write, I feel certain that the editor, M. S. Armoni, would give permission for the NY Free Press to reprint in full or in condensation. If you would like to use anything, give me a call. All the very best,

Sincerely yours,