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Dear Sylvia,

Just finished Curry's apologia. In 1965 or 1966 it would be worth an article. Today it undoubtedly will be useful as material in a wider context.

Obviously, the chief aspect of Curry's pamphlet is exculpation of the Dallas police role in the aftermath of the assassination and is therefore critical of its critics. Responsibility for what occurred, Curry is saying, rests on the FBI and Secret Service. And also on the press. His strictures however are mild and implied; he does not accuse.

His defense is couched in objective form which

conceals the role of the police in the frame up. It is marked by numerous misstatements of fact and distortion of others.

Most significant is the projection of data which demolishes the government's position of a solo assassin.

Curry has no doubts of Oswald's guilt. He affirms that. But he makes it clear there was an ambush involving more than one gunman. (Oddly, he does not invoke the decisive testimony of the Zapruder film).

The conception of a conspiracy pivoting on Oswald as one of the executioners is, of course, not a new idea. It was the original intention of the authors of the plot to kill President Kennedy. Initial success reaching

a crescendo via the communications media immediately following the assassination was cut short by Johnson's policy of denuding the assassination of political origin and significance.

But the right has never accepted Johnson's directed Warren-Commission findings. You remember Sen. Russell's public pronouncement he always held more than one gunman was involved. And Connally's consistent position he was hit by an "independent" bullet with its implication of more than one gunman. And the right-wing press! And now Curry!

Curry's piece signifies the right is still pursuing

the original aim of the assassination.

Only today it serves a rather, more limited purpose. That objective or objectives are probably surface considerations, related to current issues. Exactly what they are I do not know. It is not improbable they will come to my attention in the course of the reading of newspapers, magazines, and books which I do endlessly.

Apart from that Curry's squib is a fresh reminder we cannot let lie the assassination of a President. We have to stay with it.

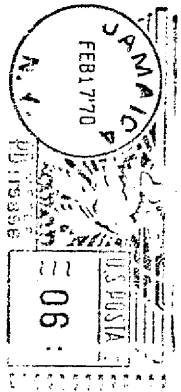
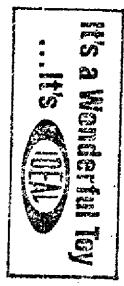
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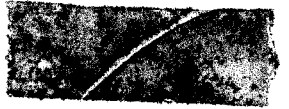
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