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Bellport
New York 11713

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Dear Mrs. Meagher,

Perhaps you know this, but I write anyway to say that Roger Craig is in the hospital in Dallas, has been there for about a month and is very seriously ill. His wife also is sick and should have medical attention and probably an operation. And their financial state is terrible.

I'm writing you because I feel you would want to know and would want to help, or help get help. Also because I feel that you would agree that part of the fight must be to give moral and financial support to those whose honesty and courage have brought them into desperate straits.

Penn Jones has been trying to ease their situation. I sent a check through Penn Jones and have since exchanged letters with Mrs. Craig. Enclosed are excerpts from her letters, which speak for themselves.

I wonder if you think it would be a good idea to get in touch with Mrs. Maggie Field or Vincent Salandria or Josiah Thompson-or others, - (Gannon) -
Mike Geisman
about this. I don't know them or how to reach them, but would be willing to write. Do you know their addresses? If you are in touch with them, perhaps it might be better if you were to mention it. I don't know. Perhaps Sylvan Fox, Ray Marcus, Richard Popkin would want to contribute something to help the Craigs through their present crisis.

The Craigs' address is 419 Cameron Ave, Dallas, Texas, 75223
He is at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Lancaster Ave., Dallas
Room 338 - South - Old Bldg.

Hope you are well. Would like to talk again one day. But I really must get more of my research written up.

yours sincerely,

Madelaine Scotland

Excerpts from letters from Mrs. Roger Craig - Nov.15 and Dec. 2, 1969.
419 Cameron Ave.
Dallas, Texas 75223

" . . . It is the only financial help that we have ever received from any one, except Mr. Jones, who has kept us from starving at times. The moral support - just to know someone cares - is greater than you can imagine.

There are no words to express the situation that Roger, I and our children have endured during the past almost 3 years. My fear for Roger and the children, Roger's illness and depression at being unable to work and many other things.

. . . Roger is in the hospital. He was here last March also. This time he is much worse. He has pulmonary emphysema, chronic bronchitis, and this time he came in with acute bronchial pneumonia, and a neurology problem which we don't know the cause of yet. . . He is numb from the waist down. It has been and continues to be a puzzle to us and the doctor.

I have been unable to work also. Last May I went to work at a hospital and worked 6 days and was taken to the hospital with acute peritonitis of the pelvic area. It was rough for a few days. I went back to work (a week later) and was only able to work 2 days. . . .arranged for me to have surgery through the clinic since we do not have hospital insurance.... I contacted pneumonia ...and the surgery was postponed. I am supposed to have a complete hysterectomy as soon as possible.

Roger . . . doesn't think that anyone owes him anything. He has only told the truth about his knowledge of President Kennedy's death and there's no one on earth that could make him lie or "change" the things that he has said, when he knows that he's telling the truth.

Naturally no one wants to be shot at and fear for their life ... but we will come out alright for we've never given up.

Roger has been quite insistent that I go back to the doctor. ... I know how very much he worries about the children and me and I know he feels so helpless now. ... I have been in bed since 5 P.M. trying to be able to go tomorrow. .. Roger would get upset if he knew how terrific the pain is (spinal pain from lifting too much), along with the pelvic infection pain, it's a job to conceal it from him, but I must.

Roger ... still has some numbness at times in the legs and hands.