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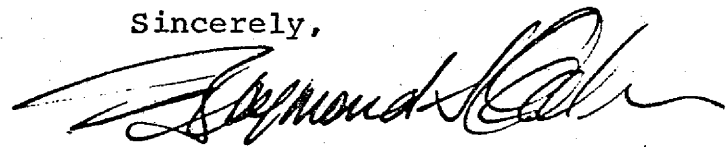
I would like to extend a personal invitation to you from Lillian Hellman and Robert B. Silvers to attend the first of a series of forums sponsored by the Committee for Public Justice. The subject of the forum will be "Terrorism, Democracy and Civil Liberties." The question it will explore is what a democracy can do to deal with terrorist acts, while protecting constitutional rights. It will be held at 7:30 P.M., on Wednesday, May 19th, 1976 at the Law Club Lounge of New York University Law School, 40 Washington Square South, New York.

On the panel will be Israeli Ambassador Chaim Herzog, ACLU Executive Director Aryeh Neier, psychiatrist Robert Jay Lifton, former New York Police Commissioner Vincent Broderick and Constitutional Law Professor Arthur Kinoy. The moderator will be Roger Wilkins, member of the Editorial Board of the New York Times.

The Committee for Public Justice is a civil liberties organization whose primary work is educational. It has published and sponsored books, articles, forums and town meetings on subjects of civil liberties and abuse of individual rights.

The audience at the forum will be a relatively small one, composed of journalists, editors, scholars, professors, and New Yorkers in important decision-making positions. It is our purpose to air this issue before major "opinion leaders" in New York City. Because space is so limited, I would appreciate your responding in writing or by telephone to this invitation within the next few days to permit us to plan adequately.

Sincerely,



Raymond S. Calamaro  
Executive Director

*Hope to see you  
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1 For the purpose of carrying out this resolution the com-  
2 mittee, or any subcommittee thereof authorized by the com-  
3 mittee to hold hearings, is authorized to sit and act during  
4 the present Congress at such times and places within the  
5 United States, including any Commonwealth or possession  
6 thereof, whether the House is in session, has recessed, or  
7 has adjourned, to hold such hearings, and to require, by  
8 subpoena or otherwise, the attendance and testimony of such  
9 witnesses and the production of such books, records, cor-  
10 respondence, memorandums, papers, and documents, as it  
11 deems necessary; except that neither the committee nor any  
12 subcommittee thereof may sit while the House is meeting  
13 unless special leave to sit shall have been obtained from the  
14 House. Subpoenas may be issued under the signature of the  
15 chairman of the committee or any member of the committee  
16 designated by him, and may be served by any person desig-  
17 nated by such chairman or member.

18 The committee shall report to the House as soon as prac-  
19 ticable during the present Congress the results of its investi-  
20 gation and study, together with such recommendations as it  
21 deems advisable. Any such report which is made when the  
22 House is not in session shall be filed with the Clerk of the  
23 House.

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Dear Supporter of H. Res. 204:

Today is the first anniversary of the introduction of H. Res. 204 which, if approved by the U. S. House of Representatives, would establish in the House a select committee of seven members for the purpose of studying the circumstances surrounding the deaths of President John F. Kennedy, U. S. Senator Robert F. Kennedy, and Dr. Martin Luther King, and the attempted assassination of Governor George Wallace.

I thought this would be an appropriate time to let you know the status of the resolution. It is still pending in the House Rules Committee to which it was referred upon introduction. However, I have recently talked with the Chairman of House Rules, the Honorable Ray Madden, Democrat of Indiana, and I am hopeful that he will find it possible some time soon to consider the resolution and approve it for action on the House floor. There is still some resistance to consideration of the resolution and establishment of the select committee, so it is important that you continue to urge support of this proposal among Members of the House.

Presently there are 63 Members of the House who are co-sponsors of my proposal. Their names appear on six reintroductions of my measure -- House resolutions 455, 456, 593, 721, 873, and 1035.

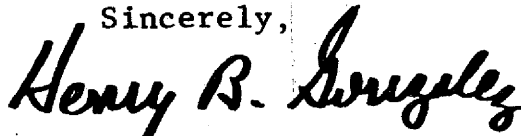
They are: ARIZONA -- Morris "Mo" Udall; CALIFORNIA -- George Brown, Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, John L. Burton, Ronald V. Dellums, Mark W. Hannaford, Augustus F. Hawkins, William M. Ketchum, Robert Leggett, Pete McCloskey, Norman Y. Mineta, Edward R. Roybal, F. H. "Pete" Stark, Henry A. Waxman, Charles Wilson; CONNECTICUT -- Christopher Dodd, Stewart McKinney, Anthony Toby Moffett; DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA -- Walter Fauntroy; FLORIDA -- Claude Pepper, Paul G. Rogers; GEORGIA -- Andrew Young; GUAM -- Antonio Borja Won Pat; HAWAII -- Patsy Mink; ILLINOIS -- Cardiss Collins; INDIANA -- David W. Evans and Andrew Jacobs, Jr.; MARYLAND -- Parren Mitchell; MASSACHUSETTS -- Joe Moakley, Paul Tsongas; MICHIGAN -- Robert Carr, John Conyers, Don Riegler; MINNESOTA -- James Oberstar; MISSOURI -- William Clay; MONTANA -- Max S. Baucus, John Melcher; NEW JERSEY -- James J. Florio, Henry Helstoski and Andrew Maguire; NEW YORK -- Bella Abzug, Herman Badillo, Mario Biaggi, Shirley Chisholm, Thomas J. Downey, Elizabeth Holtzman, Edward I. Koch, John M. Murphy, Richard Ottinger, Charles Rangel, Benjamin S. Rosenthal, James H. Scheuer, Stephen J. Solarz; NORTH CAROLINA -- Stephen L. Neal; OHIO -- Louis Stokes; PENNSYLVANIA -- Robert W. Edgar, Robert N. C. Nix, Gus Yatron; SOUTH DAKOTA -- Larry Pressler; TENNESSEE -- Harold Ford; TEXAS -- Robert Eckhardt; WISCONSIN -- Les Aspin, Henry Reuss.

If your Congressman is still not among the co-sponsors, I would appreciate your further efforts to garner his or her support. If you have friends who might be able to gain the support of other House Members, who are not co-sponsors, I would appreciate your contacting them.

Now is the time -- during the year of our country's 200th birthday, to ascertain why we had a decade of political assassinations in our country, and to try to prevent such a series of events from happening again.

Thank you once again for all your help and support. With every good wish, I remain

Sincerely,



Henry B. Gonzalez, M. C.

P.S. There is now a 64th co-sponsor of my resolution, Kika de la Garza of Texas.

# CITIZENS CAMPAIGN FOR A CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY INTO POLITICAL ASSASSINATIONS (CCCIPA)

The Citizen's Campaign for a Congressional Inquiry into Political Assassinations (CCCIPA) is an organized, grass-roots citizen's lobby directed at building a public constituency for a Congressional select committee reinvestigation of the assassinations of John F. Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy, Martin Luther King, and the attempt on George Wallace. Its principal legislative focus is H.R. 204, introduced by Cong. Henry B. Gonzalez of Texas. The CCCIPA is a citizen's group and not connected with any elected officeholder or political campaign.

CCCIPA's functions are:

## I. Citizen Education and Mobilization

- a. Identify key Congresspersons on H.R. 204
- b. Educate constituencies on the facts of the assassinations--clubs, churches, private organizations, groups, individual voters
- c. Organize constituency lobbying efforts directed at individual Congressmen and committees on H.R. 204, and at political candidates

These strategies have been employed effectively by such public-interest lobbies as the Indochina Peace Campaign and the Campaign for a Democratic Foreign Policy.

## II. Media and Public Events

- a. Generate media coverage of the assassinations issue in general, and of the politics of H.R. 204
- b. Organize well-publicized teach-ins on the assassinations in cities and communities
- c. Plan public events, such as a Citizen's March on the House of Representatives

The Citizen's Campaign is planning a national kickoff with a set of simultaneous press conferences in a number of cities, including New York, Boston, Washington, Houston, and San Francisco. Our hope is to have, by the time of the public launching of the Campaign, the backing of noteworthy spokespersons. We are presently negotiating the possible taking on of H.R. 204 by the Campaign for a Democratic Foreign Policy, thereby obviating the need

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for a duplicative lobbying structure. CCCIPA espouses no particular theory of the assassinations, only that a complete Congressional reinvestigation is necessary and vital to our political health.

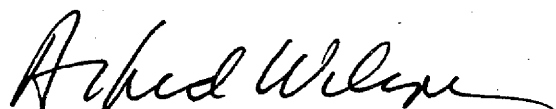
The Citizen's Campaign is planned as an answer to the vacuity of the 1976 Presidential campaign. None of the candidates will talk of political assassinations, although assassinations have de facto been a major innovation and influence on the American political system during the 1960s and the 1970s. We have good reason to believe that the leadership of the Republican and Democratic parties is determined to keep the assassinations out of politics during 1976, and are pursuing an aggressive lobbying strategy in Congress to this end. Our judgment is that there is wide latent interest in the American population for reinvestigation which can be activated if the issues are raised in a professional, well-organized way. Healthy political reform in the American system is unlikely to occur in the absence of a full and public airing of the facts and possible cover-ups behind these assassinations.

There are deep factual inconsistencies in the official versions of each of the assassinations. These can only be resolved by a Congressional Select Committee, armed with sufficient resources and with subpoena power. Fully four (4) out of five (5) Americans--according to Cambridge Survey Research--disbelieve the findings of the Warren Commission, of which Gerald R. Ford was an active member. Yet the 1975 Rockefeller Commission Report unquestioningly reaffirmed the earlier official version of the John F. Kennedy assassination. The political corruption unearthed in Watergate and in later Senate Intelligence Committee hearings has taught us to be skeptical of unilateral official statements. The continued darkness surrounding these central acts of political violence affects us all, and affects our system as a whole.

Whatever your political persuasion, we hope you will support this attempt to restore political health.



Anne Richey



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For CCCIPA

# CITIZENS CAMPAIGN FOR A CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY INTO POLITICAL ASSASSINATIONS (CCCIPA)

## SUPPORT AND JOIN CCCIPA

Your name has been selected for this initial solicitation of support because of your concern for political reform and for the health of our body politic.

As a Citizen's Campaign, CCCIPA can grow only if persons like you will nurture and sustain it.

Please do take a moment to look through our materials, and fill out and mail this information. Your aid and interest may, in the long run, be the most productive political investment you have ever made.

Yes, I would like to support CCCIPA in its efforts on H.R. 204:

Please send me more information about CCCIPA, its structure, goals and plans.

I would like to publicly endorse CCCIPA and join its Committee of Support.

I am interested in working with CCCIPA on

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Petition gathering                | <input type="checkbox"/> Media        |
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I am enclosing my donation toward the growth of CCCIPA. Funds are critical for printing, mailing, and administrative costs. Let us know if you would like to privately arrange for a sizable donation.

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You may want to pass on to us the names and addresses of persons you think would be interested in CCCIPA.

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