March 17, 1977

Mr. Richard Sprague Chief Counsel Select Committee on Assassinations United States House of Representatives 3341 House Office Building, Annex 2 Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Sprague:

I hate to take your time with hearsay, however, in this case it might be important to consider the source, i.e., Mary Ferrell of Dallas, Texas. Mary is one of the most knowledgeable and respected critics of the Warren Commission.

I would think that this allegation could be evaluated in an interview with Captain Fritz, head of the homicide department of the Dallas Police Department, who is now retired and lives at the White Plaza Hotel in Dallas, Texas.

Enclosed is a transcript of a statement made to me by Mary last year.

Sincerely,

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