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Dear

As a Congressional aide for a dozen years, I am fully aware of (1) the volume of paper reaching your office daily, (2) the relatively slim chance that a particular letter will get to your desk, and (3) the even slimmer chance that you will find the time to read and digest it. Couple this with a lengthy reprint of a magazine article and the chances must range between slim and zero.

All of this notwithstanding, let me urge your staff to exercise its discretion in favor of permitting this letter and enclosure to reach your desk. And let me urge you to put it in your briefcase for late night reading.

The heart of the article is a one-liner attributed to Robert Blakey: "The Mob killed the President of the United States and got away with it for fifteen years and continues to get away with it." Prof. Blakey is no fuzzy-minded assassinations buff; he was a prosecutor in Attorney General Robert Kennedy's Organized Crime Section, as well as Chief Counsel to the late House Special Committee on Assassinations.

In my view, it is something of a disgrace that the House could have a Committee which formally concluded and reported that conspiracies "probably" existed in the murders of President Kennedy and Dr. King. . . . and then the House could simply walk away from the question, by bucking it to the Department of Justice for "study."

There is something, however, that you as an individual legislator can do. You can write to Attorney General Civiletti and FBI Director Webster and urge them to accelerate their investigation into not only the acoustics evidence but also the myriad of crucial leads which the House Committee was unable to pursue. We urge you to write such letters in the strongest possible terms. The shadows of Dallas are still very much with us. Two "victims of Dallas" (Ted Kennedy and John Connally) are now in the front ranks of Presidential candidates.

The public deserves to know who or what has been subverting our political system for almost two decades. Let us not have more national leaders gunned down before we plumb the depths of this quagmire.

Sincerely yours,

Bernard Fensterwald, Jr.