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Dear Sylvia:

During the twenty years since the assassination of President Kennedy, there have been a myriad of public opinion polls on the subject. Generally these have been limited to a show of hands on the question of conspiracy/no conspiracy. And, as intriguing as these polls may be, they are not terribly instructive, because of their required oversimplification and the lack of factual knowledge on the part of the public.

It now seems appropriate to make an in-depth probe and analysis of the views of those who had made and/or are making a serious attempt to sort out the admittedly complex set of facts involved in the case. After all, a sizeable number of able people have been working on this matter for two decades. The enclosed questionnaire is an attempt to canvass where the knowledgeable people stand today on a number of the more important questions . . . and why.

To whom is this questionnaire being sent? We hesitate to use the word "experts." We prefer "knowledgeable persons." This includes, but is not limited to:

Members and staff of the Warren Commission,  
Members and staff of the House Select Committee,  
Authors, publicists, and recognized researchers.

The questionnaire is being sent out to as many knowledgeable persons as can be currently located, without regard to age, sex, race, religion, or previous expression of views. In other words, we are not loading the project toward any particular point of view. All in all, we have a list of some 150 people who will be asked to participate.

There are 27 multiple-choice questions. At a very minimum, we hope that you will circle an answer to each of them and return the questionnaire to us in the stamped, self-addressed envelope. However, we are most anxious to have your comments and/or reasons for each reply. Thus we have left spaces between questions; if appropriate, you should continue replies on additional sheets. In order that you might type your comments, we have not stapled together the pages of the questionnaire.

The results of the poll may be published. In any event, those who participate will be informed of the results . . . in as much detail as possible.

Hoping very much that you will take the time and trouble to help us, and especially hoping that you will be generous with your comments, I remain

Cordially yours,



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Enclosure