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Dear Friend,

Jack McKinney just ran a taped replay of your appearance on his program. After the original show I was tempted to write with all kinds of wild speculation which seemed to suggest itself in November 1963 and has not been proved unbenable to the present.

If sober reflection persuaded me that more wild speculation would be as welcome as sun-lamps to Hottentots; I still felt the need to express appreciation for the program. A second hearing reinforced my original impression; that you did not overstate your case in any respect. It clarified several nebulous areas for me, even after extensive reading on the whole subject.

I have heard several apologists for the Commission's position and the Report. However, they seem willing to castigate the Commission for ineptness if only they can salvage the honor of the CIA, the FBI and the Dallas police. One wonders at the motivation for this. By the very fact that the tragedy occurred, ones confidence must be shaken in these public agencies who had the answers so soon after the act as though they carried them around like a box of instant cake-mix. Yet the solutions offered are those of these agencies. To the apologists, who were all to the Rightist end of the political spectrum, the pragmatic utility of having an avowed Marxist handy was certainly convenient at the very least.

The situation calls for the objectivity you bring to it instead of the predispositions that have muddied the water up to this point. I hope you are able to continue with public appearances. Please do not reply to this letter. The time will be better spent bringing facts to the public.

Respectfully Yours,

