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Dear Ms. Meagher

I thought you would be interested in the enclosed material concerning our efforts to re-open the investigation into the J.F.K. assassination. A number of several University of Virginia students who are working to secure a Congressional inquiry into the matter.

Two weeks ago a member of our group Andy Purdy and photographer Robert Gooden received permission by the Zapuder family to show their film to a group of Virginia Congressmen. (Actually Henry Zapuder gave Mr. Gooden ^{permission} to show his pirated copy.) The Congressmen (five attended) were very impressed with the backward motion of the President's head. Last Wednesday Congressman Thomas Downing, who witnessed the presentation, introduced a bill calling for a select committee

of seven members to investigate the Kennedy assassin. It was cosponsored by two other Virginia Congressmen. It is especially encouraging because all three of these men are Conservatives.

The bill will apparently be referred to the House Rules Committee (where Congressman Hernandez's bill lies dormant). Gonggou Downing is trying to arrange a showing of the Zapruder film before the committee and we hope to improve our brief and hopefully get Josiah Thompson and Dept. Beach to testify.

I am in contact with Paul Hoch, whom I met during a recent stay in Berkeley. He informs me you are not very active with the assassination study at this time. We would however, be very pleased if you could comment on our draft brief perhaps giving us the benefit of your expertise with suggestions, corrections or additions. They would certainly be most appreciated.

The Chairman of the Board of Newsweek magazine recently spoke here at the University. In response to a question he said he was almost certain "there would be a re-investigation". He said the "political climate" was such after Watergate that Congress would let the critics

have their day. (He was however, skeptical that anything would be uncovered).

I hope Mr. Elliot is correct about a Congressional inquiry developing. We, however, are not taking his word for it and are continuing ~~our~~ lobbying efforts. Again, we would be most appreciative of any assistance you might wish to give.

Enclosed is a self addressed, stamped envelope if you wish to reply.

Yours truly,
Mark A. Allen