

April 26, 1988

Dear Cyril,

Thanks for your letter of the 22nd and congratulations on your success in organizing the program commemorating the 25th anniversary of the assassination.

You will remember that in conversation and in my letter of March 16, 1987 I made my participation conditional on good health. Unhappily, and I am devastated to have to disappoint you, I have had a bad year and I am not well enough to take part in the program. I have had some surgery and a number of infections complicated by diabetes. My state is one of general debility and a degree of agoraphobia. I hate to fail you but I have no choice.

I mentioned some ideas and listed some names in my letter of March 16, 1987. Nothing further occurs to me now.

Cyril, please forgive me and understand my situation. Of all the people I do not want to fail, you are at the top of the list. You have been so courageous all these years as a foremost critic and the one who probably had the most to risk professionally and personally.

I feel certain that your very presence will ensure the success of the program and I am really heart sick that I cannot be there.

All my good wishes
and affection,

Sylvia