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Dear John,

I share the disappointment that you must feel about Judge Templar's decision, which illustrates again that "law" can be completely divorced from justice and utilized to perpetuate and "legitimize" injustice. The facts are completely on our side, but the Government holds all the cards, seemingly, and remains immune against anything we have been able to reveal in the forum of public opinion or in the courts.

The persistent resort to technicalities in order to withhold access to materials that patently and indisputably constitute "records" of an infamous investigation of a President's assassination and of the crime itself serves to underline one thing, at least—that the Government knows damn well that objective scientific examination of the evidence will not only destroy any remaining vestiges of the official findings but will incriminate Government agencies, in the cover-up and perhaps in much worse.

If I have become almost completely inactive in my own work on the case, it is because of a dearth of ideas and an immense discouragement. I do admire you for going ahead with an appeal and I can only suggest that you keep pressing the question of why the Government invokes the most far-fetched technical arguments to overcome the intent and the spirit of the Freedom of Information Act, if the Government has nothing to hide; and if it has something to hide in the assassination of the head of State, whether the Courts by narrow legalistic interpretations of the letter of the law should aid and abet the circumvention of the public's right and obstruct the determination of the facts in a heinous political murder.

I do admire your resoluteness. All good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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