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Dear Mr. Waldron:

I am currently working on my thesis on the subject of recent American political assassinations. One of the subjects which is of utmost interest to me is the investigation of the John Kennedy assassination which was conducted by the Times in 1966. I am told that you were one of the members of that team.

In the course of my research I came across a story in the February 11, 1969 Daily Cardinal, the University of Wisconsin student newspaper. The relevant portion of that story read:

"In an important matter not directly related to the Shaw trial, these correspondents have learned that the New York Times at some point since the issuance of the Warren Report conducted its own five month investigation into the assassination of President Kennedy. The Times inquiry concluded that there were strong indications that the President had been shot at by more than one man. With the investigation completed, however, a decision was made "at the highest level" of the Times not to publish its findings. Although it was recognized that the publication of the Times' findings might spur a new investigation into the assassination, it was decided that this "was not the function of a newspaper."

I am informed by the writers of that article that you were the source of this information.

While I realize that loyalty to the Times makes it quite difficult for you to acknowledge that you made statements to this effect, I would appreciate any information about the Times investigation which you feel you can disclose. I have no intention of citing the above article, much less attributing it to you. Your candor to those reporters, however (if in fact this is what you told them), leads me to believe that you might perhaps be able to supply me with whatever facts about the Times investigation you feel you can divulge. I am particularly interested in knowing when the Times inquiry began, and when it ultimately was completed.

Thank you in advance for any help you can give me.

Sincerely,

Gerald Policoff