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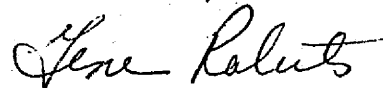
Mr. Jerry Policoff
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Dear Mr. Policoff:

After receiving your letter of August 26, I attempted to answer it but found that I was hazy about the dates during which I participated on a team which checked into the Kennedy assassination for The New York Times. I got in touch with Harrison Salisbury to see if he could remember the precise dates, and found out that he had received a similar letter from you and had answered it. He told me what he had written you and, as the questions you asked him were identical to those you asked me, I saw nothing I could add. As you might imagine, we on The Times receive dozens of requests each year for assistance in writing graduate theses, etc., and if several people on The Times tried to answer them, we would have little time to discharge what I think is our real function, which is to gather, write and edit the news.

If you want different responses from different editors, you might consider dispensing with form letters and addressing more specific and individual questions to them.

Sincerely,



Gene Roberts
National Editor