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Mr. Thomas Stamm 2705 Bainbridge Avenue Bronx, New York 10458

Dear Tom:

Thank you very much for your questions regarding my Cambridge speech. That represents my last public statement on the assassination. When and if I wish to recant and again speak out on the issue, I will write a book which will address itself to the questions you raise. However, I am sure that you will not impose upon my friendship by requiring that I write what will be the equivalent of a book in answer to your kind letter. Perhaps some day in the near future we can talk about your questions. However, I, like you, detest writing and even for an old friend would not undertake to address myself to each of your inquiries.

You can help shorten the dialogue by endeavoring to answer some of your excellent questions for yourself. It would appear to me, Tom, that your most excellent mind is capable of answering most, if not all, of your inquiries. You will have to understand that the speech was protracted three times over my time allowance. I used, therefore, a kind of shorthand hoping that good minds like yours would undertake the work of "fleshing in," as you put it.

Hey, Tom, you have a theory of what happened and why it happened! Write to me about it in detail and I will be happy to respond with a series of questions put to you.

Regards,

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