

Lincoln's birthday, 1974

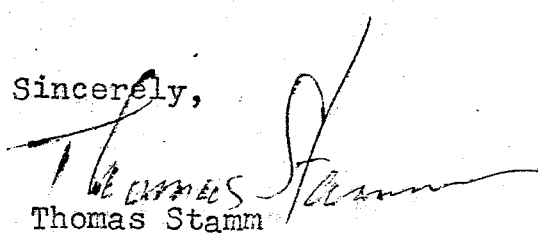
Dear Dr. Lattimer,

Unfortunately my wife and I arrived late last night and missed the first part of your interesting talk. If you have plans to repeat it in the New York metropolitan area we would like to attend. Will you let us know please?

One thing you said last night awakened keen interest. If I heard correctly you possess a number of Oswald's letters and, I am not sure, other writings. I am eager to read this material. My interest springs from a steady concern with the problem of motivation in the assassination of President Kennedy. You will recall, I am sure, the details of the energetic, intensive, and comprehensive biographic research on Oswald conducted in behalf of the Warren Commission by agencies of the U.S. government, and the conclusion reached by the Commission that it could not establish a definitive motive for the assassination. Reading Oswald's letters and other writings might yield insights as important with respect to motivation as reading autopsy photographs and X-rays is for determining the location of wounds and paths of bullets in human bodies.

I should have asked you in person for opportunity to see the material you have, but our brief conversation began with other points and was interrupted before I could put my request. I would be much indebted to you for the opportunity.

Sincerely,

  
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