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Dear Chairperson Nixon:

You may know of me as the author of THE KENNEDYS: DYNASTY AND DISASTER, published by McGraw-Hill and a national bestseller in 1985.

Because I spent four years researching and writing THE KENNEDYS, I am naturally interested in what your committee is doing to gain release from the Los Angeles Police Department of the Robert F. Kennedy assassination investigation materials, what the standards of the redaction of those materials will be, and where the materials will eventually be housed.

A perusal of the Summary Report recently released by the Los Angeles Police Department convinced me that many of the deletions it contained fell far outside the redaction standards normally employed in comparable cases. Some pages were almost entirely blacked out. I would not hesitate to brand this Summary Report a travesty.

As you no doubt know there are many unresolved issues associated with the Robert F. Kennedy assassination case. I touched on some of these in my book on the Kennedys. The only way these issues will be resolved will be through the full disclosure of the content of the Robert F. Kennedy assassination investigation materials.

I therefore urge you to insist on having scholars in the field of the Robert F. Kennedy assassination case be part of the decision making process in regard to the

redaction of the assassination investigation materials.

This is a matter of national concern. Grave doubts remain about the official explanation of the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy. You have it within your power to either help dispel those doubts or confirm them.

Yours sincerely,

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