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12/10/75/ Sylvia - I thought this might be of interest to you. Cyril

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Dear Mr. Belin:

I was outraged to learn that you have called for a reopening of the investigation of the assassination of President Kennedy. Although I and others have long sought such a new investigation, your help is not welcome.

Your announcement indicates that you are concerned with the fact that the CIA and FBI withheld information from the Warren Commission, and that you believe that a new inquiry "would greatly contribute toward a rebirth of confidence and trust in government". It is a pity that the recent report of the Rockefeller Commission, which you served as Executive Director, did not have room for that statement in its 299 pages.

I wish to point out that the fact of government withholding of information on this case, including important medical, physical, and scientific "hard evidence", has been known for many years and has been called to your attention repeatedly. You have consistently ignored or denied such charges and instead have zealously attacked those who made the charges.

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You have now been duped twice - first as counsel to the Warren Commission and later as Executive Director of the Rockefeller Commission - and yet you have the gall to claim that a new investigation is necessary to show how the public has been "misled" by the critics of the Warren Report.

I call your attention to the enclosed letter to Vice President Rockefeller, which I sent out the day before your announcement. It shows that someone on the Rockefeller Commission staff, which you directed, has been viciously unethical in the handling of my deposition to the Commission. In regard to your long belated call for release of all government information on the JFK assassination, I suggest that you begin by securing the release of the transcript of my testimony. When you have accomplished that, I suggest that you also investigate and explain how a copy of that transcript fell into the hands of an author entirely unconnected with the Commission while, at the very same time, your staff was persistently refusing to make it available to me.

Recent public disclosures from various Congressional committees have shown beyond question that our governmental investigative agencies have been staffed, at least in part, by liars, peeping Toms, slanderers, and would-be murderers. Your history of defense of these agencies and your venomous attacks on the critics of the Warren Report place you four-square in the agencies' camp. Even in your latest announcement, you have characterized the critics in such terms as "sensationalism, demagoguery, and deliberate misrepresentation". Indeed, you are a remarkable fellow.

I, too, should like to see the JFK case reopened. I, too, should like to see a "rebirth of confidence and trust in government". But it will happen only when it is deserved - it cannot come about through self-serving proclamations by you or the agencies

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you defend. When and if the JFK case is reopened, it is essential that you and your ilk be kept out of it.

Yours truly,

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Enclosure