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Dear Friend,

Some of you to whom I write are personal friends. Many of you are those with whom I have come in contact through a mutual interest in the truth regarding the assassination of John Kennedy.

There are so many things to be said,....

I write because I am sickened by watching on television what may prove to be the beginning of the end of our democratic society.

So many of us have sat on our collective asses and "tsk, tsk"-ed while the target of the policeman's club was primarily the black face. The list grows. Long hair, beards, sandals, peace symbols, peace signs, students, clergymen, newsmen. The list grows.

What happened in Czechoslovakia that did not happen in Chicago? The Mayor Daleys, Hubert Humphreys and Richard Nixons are full of righteous indignation over what happened in Czechoslovakia.

What do we do?

Drop out? Heave a disgusted sigh and vote "reluctantly" for the "lesser of two evils"?

I, for one, am through casting negative votes!

Though they may yet be tainted in the eyes of some as members of the establishment, I offer the names of some who may yet offer some vestige of hope this year. First and foremost, Eugene J. McCarthy. Abraham Ribicoff. John Lindsay. Julian Bond. Theodore Sorenson. Allard Lowenstein.

I have been contacted by a group calling itself "Californians for an Alternative in November". They intend to circulate petitions in the next month to put a slate of delegates pledged to Eugene McCarthy (or, if he should opt out, someone like him) on the California ballot in November. This will require a lot of hard work and a lot of money.

I plan to look into this group and go to work for them. I will contact all of you further in regard to this.

Please do the same on your end. We will need a lot of help. Get involved in your country this year. It needs you.

If you do not live in California, please see if there is such an organization in your state and support it. If not, for God's sake, start one!

Sincerely,

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