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### **Open letter to Kennedy**

Dear Senator Kennedy,

On March 25, 1968, you said at San Fernando Valley State College that (1) you had seen all of the information in the National Archives pertaining to the assassination of President Kennedy, (2) you found nothing in the Archives to alter your belief in the Warren Report, and (3) if elected, you would not re-open the investigation of the assassination.

I find it impossible to believe that you, or one of your aides, could possibly have read ALL of the information in the Archives. There are approximately 1500 documents, each consisting of several hundred pages. It has been estimated that they take up over 300 cubic feet of space. The 500 or so documents that remain unavailable to the public are literally thousands of pages in length. For one man to read this mass of material would take several years.

It is incorrect to presume that the validity of the Warren Report rests on the information in the Archives. The Warren Commission published 26 volumes of evidence to support its conclusion. Authors of various books on the subject have proven beyond any reasonable doubt that this evidence does not validate the Report, but contradicts it. Have you, sir, read the published material on this subject in its entirety?

Regardless of what happens in New Orleans when Clay Shaw is

tried on charges of conspiring to murder President Kennedy, a complete new investigation is imperative. Over 65% of the American people have grave doubts about the Warren Report. Not one of the few supporters of the Report have been able to answer the unsettling questions raised by the critics.

Until this matter is settled, there will remain an air of suspicion and distrust. The possibility that the assassination was the first coup d'etat in American history will remain. Only the truth will clear the air.

Sincerely yours,  
Steven J. Burton  
National Chairman,  
Citizens' Committee  
of Inquiry