

McCarthy letter urges probe of JFK murder while Bobby ducks Garrison subpoena

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This week the Free Press has obtained a file of letters from Senator Eugene McCarthy, numerous other senators and congressmen as well as Robert Kennedy aides, on the question of reopening the investigation of the John F. Kennedy murder.

The letter from Senator McCarthy, published in full below, is particularly timely because of McCarthy's Los Angeles speech today (Friday) on the "American Dilemma" at the Town Hall of California.

The letters, written to Steve Burton, Chairman of the Citizen's Committee of Inquiry, Perry Owen, a teacher in Ventura, California, and Fred T. Newcomb of

Sherman Oaks, California, are also important in light of Robert Kennedy's recent statement in Los Angeles that he is satisfied with the conclusions of the official Warren Commission investigation into the murder of his brother. The Los Angeles statement by Bobby was his first public comment on the Warren report.

Meanwhile, the New Orleans States-Item has disclosed that Bobby has asked Louisiana Governor John McKeithen to prevent any service of a subpoena on him by District Attorney Jim Garrison when Kennedy appears in New Orleans this week for a university-sponsored speech. An agreement was reached last weekend

between Garrison and the governor that no subpoena would be served on Kennedy.

Garrison has issued numerous subpoenas in his probe of the JFK murder, including one to former Central Intelligence Agency Director Allen Dulles and one on Life Magazine asking for a copy of the Zapruder motion picture film of the assassination.

(Two investigators for Garrison were in the Free Press office this week and said that a careful viewing of the film confirmed their expectation that the film clearly showed separate hits on Kennedy and Texas Governor Connally as well as front and back hits on Kennedy himself. If these observations are correct,

the major conclusion of the Warren Commission that Kennedy was assassinated by one man, Lee Harvey Oswald, firing from the Texas State Schoolbook Depository, would be invalidated.)

The letter from Senator McCarthy to Steve Burton is dated January 22, 1968, and is on stationery of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations. It says:

Dear Mr. Burton

I have received your recent letter and appreciate your writing. It has been my view that an appropriate committee of Congress should make an inquiry of the questions which have been raised regarding the assassination of President Kennedy and

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