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Rep Otis G Pike, Chmn.,
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Sir: Slightly over twelve years ago, an elected President of the United States was shot down in cold blood by a team of assassins trained and armed by a super-secret agency of the Government of the United States, presumably because he opposed an unprovoked armed invasion of a neighboring nation. In concealment of the role played by this super-secret agency in the name of your damned "national security", a Presidential Commission headed by a Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court was compelled to lie and perjure itself to the citizens of the United States in its voluminous official "Report", by FORGING FALSE EVIDENCE and accusing a conveniently murdered man of the crime. Such is the totally despicable and depraved character of many of those who now or recently have held high government office in our land forever prating of their great devotion to "national security", even before Watergate.

Are you, Representive Otis G Pike, so much better in your moral judgements the public will see your shining armor through all the mud you smear over it in the holy name of your damned "national security" ?

The phobia for "national security" to conceal all sorts of criminal activities by high government officials AND WHICH YOU SUPPORT, is the major reason for the vast loss of public confidence in our government today and increasing distrust of the honestyand integrity of our political leaders over the past twenty years.

The best "national security" the nation could have today is a restoration of public confidence in their government which is now so sadly eroded, but your phobic fear of "leaks" from your committee exposing matters the public has every right to know, but you deem as detrimental to "national security", is more the attitude of a howling dog scurrying for cover with its tail between its legs, than as a courageous man seeking to live up to the image of honesty and integrity he has tried to create for himself.

Those members of your committee who have independently dared to expose secrets of valid public interest, are far better Patriots acting in harmony with basic principles upon which our government was founded, than yourcringing and cowering in your closet with your "secrets" you dare not let the public know. To some extent the insubordinate members of your committee may undo the damage you are creating by your phobia of "national security".

TO HELL WITH YOUR "SECRECY" AND PHONY "NATIONAL SECURITY". WHEN THE PEOPLE AGAIN HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THEIR GOVERNMENT, THEY WILL RESPOND WITH THEIR SUPPORT. SHROUD EVERYTHING IN MYSTERY AS YOU SEEK TO DO, AND YOU INVITE OPEN REVOLUTION BY THE PEOPLE AS SANCTIONED IN THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE !

Your statement of reason for terminating the work of your committee, has destroyed any confidence I might otherwise have had in any report now emanating from your committee. Such display of gutlessness will hardly win you support in the days ahead.

Sincerely,

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Senator Frank Church: I was greatly shocked and disappointed by your remarks at a Pittsburgh news conference on Saturday, January 17th, supporting "criminal sanctions" against those who betray CIA secrets.

DO YOU DARE INVOKE "CRIMINAL SANCTIONS" AGAINST EXPOSURES OF TOP LEVEL GOVERNMENT CORRUPTION MOST DECENT AND HONEST CITIZENS HOLD TO BE THE HIGHEST FORM OF TRUE "PATRIOTISM" ?

By your published statement of prejudice in favor of secrecy in governmental affairs directly affecting the lives and fortunes of all of us, you have raised serious doubts in my mind that the forthcoming report on CIA activities by your Senate Select Committee will even approach the degree of honesty and integrity of content that so many of us had hoped for, based on your earlier published declarations.

WITHOUT QUESTION, THE AVAILABLE "HARD EVIDENCE" ALREADY PUBLISHED AND CIRCULATED THROUGHOUT THE NATION, PROVES BEYOND ANY REASONABLE DOUBT THAT THE CIA WAS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F KENNEDY IN DALLAS, TEXAS, ON NOVEMBER 22, 1963, BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER THE FACT !

THE IDENTITIES OF THE ACTUAL ASSASSINS, RECRUITED AND TRAINED FROM AMONG THE EMBITTERED CUBAN EXILE COLONY IN FLORIDA, IS UNDOUBTEDLY CONTAINED IN CIA ARCHIVES OR KNOWN TO CIA OFFICIALS. IS THIS THE SORT OF PROTECTED ACTIVITY IN WHICH CIA AGENTS ARE CONTINUOUSLY INVOLVED, THAT YOU NOW SEEK TO PROTECT WITH "CRIMINAL SANCTIONS" ?

In view of your late reversion to ideological support of the CIA, seemingly a trade has been made of honesty and integrity in the report your committee is preparing to release, in return for a preferred place as the "Establishment" candidate for the Presidency. I hope you will prove me mistaken, but as of now I can only anticipate betrayal by another COVER UP for the CIA and failure to deal honestly with the known "hard evidence", which can only deepen and exacerbate the internal unrest throughout the nation today, already tending more and more to open revolt and violence on a scale never before witnessed in this nation.

WHAT A SAD GREETING YOUR COMMITTEE WILL HAVE CONTRIVED FOR THE NATION'S BICENTENNIAL YEAR !

On the practical side, how will you contrive to reach the many thousands of us who have never been on CIA or FBI payrolls, but who are willing as am I, to join with and act as conduits for passing along the information you would make criminal for a select few ? Other than by CIA and FBI "Police State" methods, how will you prevent us from passing this information across international borders to our friends and acquaintances abroad ?

Along the same line, your subcommittee under Senator Schweiker seems to be spinning its wheels trying to establish an alibi for the CIA by an assinine effort to firmly tie Lee Harvey Oswald to the Kennedy assassination despite the "hard evidence" now firmly established that the ONLY BULLET STRIKING PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND WHICH COULD POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN FIRED FROM THE BOOK DEPOSITORY, WAS A DUD AND CREATED ONLY A MINOR FLESH WOUND IN KENNEDY'S BACK. EXHIBIT 385 SEEKING TO ESTABLISH OTHERWISE IS A DELIBERATE FORGERY BY DR J THORNTON BOSWELL MADE (APPARENTLY ON ORDERS FROM SUPERIOR OFFICERS) THREE YEARS AFTER THE ACTUAL AUTOPSY WITH CONCURRENT DESTRUCTION OF ORIGINAL AUTOPSY RECORDS THEN IN DR BOSWELL'S POSSESSION.

According to present indications, the report from your subcommittee will be but one more exercise in futility, e'en as were the Warren and Rockefeller reports preceding, and if so will only serve to confirm and perpetuate public opinion of the complete lack of honesty and integrity of those by whom we are governed.

WHY SHOULD ANY NATION SO GOVERNED DEEM ITSELF ENTITLED TO SURVIVAL ? WHY SHOULD HER INJURED AND DECEIVED CITIZENS CONTINUE TO PLEDGE THEIR ALLEGIANCE TO SUCH A GOVERNMENT ?

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