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Mr. Harold Weissberg
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Dear Mr. Weissberg,

I know you will excuse the delay in responding to your affirmative telegram when you realize that we have not been idle over the past two weeks. It was the feeling of the editors of Ramparts that an investigative commission should be based on more than mere suspicion of incompetence and distortion on the part of national and local police following the King assassination. We have now produced a short article by Ramparts' editor, William W. Turner, which will appear in the June 29 issue (an advanced copy of this will be sent to you in about a week); and which calls for the formation of an investigative commission. Turner, as you may know, was an FBI agent for 10 years. He has written three books about American police practices and the fallacies of the Warren Commission Report. In addition, he has frequently contributed articles to Ramparts about related matters.

In his forthcoming piece, he draws attention to some startling similarities in the handling of the Oswald and Galt-Ray investigations. He also describes discrepancies in the photographic record released by the FBI.

We have not as yet solved the procedural problems inherent in the formation of an investigative commission but we have hired an executive secretary for the group, Miss Jan Austin, who will be available every day at the Ramparts office. We hope to start raising money shortly for an initial meeting of those who have responded affirmatively to our original telegram and subsequent letters. If there are any immediate questions, please call Miss Austin here. Otherwise, we will be proceeding as quickly as possible with the next step. Meanwhile, if there are any particular areas which you feel we should concentrate on, we would appreciate hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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