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To: Mr. Harold Weisberg
Hyattstown, Maryland

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I am taking the liberty of writing to you this evening to ask you a question that has long been on my mind. I've just finished reading your book on "Whitewash" and have found it to be so interesting and informative that it was very difficult for me to lay it down to continue my duties as a mother. I've read several books on President Kennedy's assassination and would like to just take a moment here to tell you how I enjoyed it.

The question I wish to ask is: how can I, as a nobody, help to bring about a new investigation on this? Being a housewife, and of only high school education, I am at a loss as to what we "little people" might

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do to have the report re-opened. Do we write to our senator? The President? To whom? I have discussed this many times with friends and acquaintances who are as concerned as I am, yet we don't know what to do. Who has the power to form another investigation? There are roughly 22 of us, from many states who have discussed this problem via the mail and tape recorders. I've read in some papers and magazines where it claims we should let sleeping dogs lie, "it will hurt our country and give other nations cause to lose faith in us." I say that this is untrue, that hundreds, nay, millions are as dissatisfied as I am and we deserve to have the complete facts laid out for all to see. It's far past the time when this should have been done.

I believe also that any person with half a brain has seen through

the entire sham we are supposed to accept. The ones who aren't concerned either don't want the real murders found, are concerned only with ones self, gullible or have become so calloused toward a human life that the murder of a wonderful President simply doesn't matter. I am certain that if people just knew what to do or where to write, this whole farce would be corrected. I am in hopes that you can tell us this.

I have urged all of my friends, relatives and acquaintances to buy your book and read it well.

Thank you so much, both for the book and your kind attention.

Yours truly,
Mrs. James Smith

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Dear Mrs. Smith,

Yours is a kind and thoughtful letter. I appreciate your taking the time to write it.

We are all nobodies and we are none of us nobodies. No American, no person is unimportant. When we speak with one voice, when we make clear what we want, we usually do get it. To a real degree, the politicians are responsive. They are not when they do not hear from enough people.

If enough of us tell Congress we want the case reopened, it will be, for the Congressmen and Senators will fear reaction at the polls.

That so many of you have gotten together to discuss it is meaningful and important, for it reflects your concern. If there were more groups like yours our society would function better.

The truth never hurts a democratic society. When the government is wrong, public acknowledgement of error strengthens it, gives the people reason to trust it, and give the other countries and peoples of the world reason to respect it. The opposite is usually the case, and the country and the government suffer for it. And at least in theory the democratic society cannot function unless the people, whose will it is to reflect, have a valid basis for the expression of that will. This means truthful information.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg