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Dear Mr. Stanley,

Your are a very fair man. And kind. We appreciate it very much. Further, as I am confident you will learn when this whose thing is washed clean, as it will and must be, it is important. People, in a society such as ours, must know the truth. Only then can the society function properly.

Your story of September 11 is the only one of its sort that has been written of which I know. I intend this both as a compliment to you and a criticism of others, of an impersonal nature, believe me, for I have learned to be impersonal as I never thought possible. If you knew what we have gone though in recent months you'd find this credible. Our society cannot function properly when the press abdicates. When such books as mine can appear and be totally ignored by responsible publications to which, at some expense, I sent and personally delivered them, the press is not meeting its obligation. Today we got a purchase order from a major paper which duly acknowledges the books it has received. That paper has received a total of 13 from me free! The 13th. was requested as a reference copy. Today's order specifies that. Yet this paper has not acknowledged receipt of a single one. When it reviewed all the other books and I wrote, inquiring, I was told, in effect, that a private printing does not exist.

Perhaps naively I hoped the papers would at least take some of the points I make that I believe are major and check my sources. In almost all cases they are given. If I'm right, as I am, they have the basis for the proper asking of questions, at the very least. Not one has done so.

The owners of your paper own a book publishing house. That house is bringing out another book. If you read mine and then the lengthy piece in the New York Review (cepublisher of the book) you may reach some interesting conclusions. I have heard that Avon is waiting for me to file suit to launch their real advertising campaign. Thisnis the assassination of a president and its official investigation. I never thought of filing suit and will not unless I must. I shall not exploit my book that way and will not so help another. This is not the only sumh incidents. There is a clear and almost admitted plagiarism, probably at least one other, and I am sick that this can happen with such a subject.

I still hope that some major paper, especially one that can syndicate, will read my book with care. They may find a few adjectives they'd prefer not to have, and I'd agree. My book was never edited. That is really the rough draft. There was always a publisher breathing hot, and all the editors said, "Don't touch it; no two of us ever agree". Aside from that, this is the single really responsible book, the single thorough one, the single one without an axe to grind, and the one that is not an assault on the integrity of the members of the Commission (are they "The Establishment:") while it is as severely critical of them as one can honorably be. It is the one book that, even if subtly, tells how the whitewash came to pass. People must understand, else the shock will be beyond comprehension if there is a sudden revealtion or admission. God know what would then follow.

Meanwhile, I have the rough draft of a sequel that does not duplicate WHITEWASH but goes forward from it. I call it WHITEWASH II: WHO did it. It also is entirely from the official record. Like the first, it is without speculation and without attribution of motive. I wish I thought your papers could be interested....But in haste I went to catch the single daily outgoing mail to thank you. Can you send me a few copies, please.

Sincerely,