

Mr. Gary O'Meara  
41 Spelman Hall  
February 16, 1976

Mr. Specter:

This letter is to formalize the request made to you by telephone in the fall concerning the possibility of a debate between yourself and Mr. Howard Roffman on the topic of the Kennedy assassination to be held on the Princeton University campus. Near the end of November your secretary telephoned me and said that you would like to debate Mr. Roffman but you were too busy to do so until after the first of January. She then suggested that I write you and offer some possible dates when the debate could be held. First, though, I'd like to mention a few things about the nature of the debate.

It would be co-sponsored by the Department of History, the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, and the group I am representing, the Princeton Assassination Society. The format of the debate would be as follows: both you and Mr. Roffman would make a half-hour(maximum) presentation followed by an uninterrupted ten minute rebuttal by each of you and then, finally, an open-ended, open-floor discussion among yourself, Mr. Roffman, and the audience. Of course, there will be a moderator.

We expect both television and radio publicity about the debate and hope to hold a press conference on the afternoon of the event with both you and Mr. Roffman present.

Our group is most interested in making this proposed debate into a reality as soon as possible. Mr. Roffman has said that he is free anytime that is convenient to you. The most feasible time to hold an evening event at the university seems to be Monday through Thursday. Therefore, the possible dates I propose are any Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday from now until March 18 and then from March 29 to April 29. You can choose whichever date you wish.

I hope this is sufficient information to allow you to make a decision. If not, or if you have any questions at all, please call me at the number below. I hope we will see you at Princeton soon.

Sincerely,



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February 20, 1976

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Dear Mr. O'Meara:

Thank you for your letter of February 16.


I regret that I am unable to come to Princeton to speak on the Warren Commission Report at this time because I am campaigning for the United States Senate for a primary election which is scheduled for April 27, 1976.

If you will call me after that date, I will be pleased to discuss with you arrangements for my coming to Princeton.

If arrangements can be worked out for my coming to Princeton, I would be willing to speak on the Warren Commission Report and then respond to questions; but I am not interested in debating the subject with any other person.

If these arrangements are acceptable, and if we can work out the other aspects of my appearance, I shall be pleased to discuss it with you further in early May, 1976.

Sincerely,



Arlen Specter

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