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Hon. Steven D. Yslas
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Dear Mr. Yslas:

For some time recently, starting in October of 1983, I have attempted to obtain basic factual information concerning the Robert F. Kennedy assassination, pursuant to formal Police and Police Commission pledges in 1975 and earlier that such information would be publicly available. In spite of the simplicity of my initial questions, I have so far received from the commission secretary and some others a total lack of substantive response. Such resistance to disclosure patently violates the public commitments mentioned above, and adds to past doubts about the concern and competence directed toward this case by some police and official functionaries. The correspondence on these matters, copies of which I have forwarded to commission members, will bear out these points.

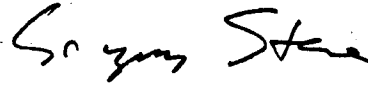
My immediate concern in this letter, however, involves the security and preservation of the investigative record of the assassination as a whole. Unfortunately, the known investigative history of the case contains numerous instances of error, omission, and unexplained behavior. In particular, police officials have permitted the destruction of physical and documentary evidence bearing directly on fundamental questions about the assassination which are not yet resolved. Other evidence security issues were raised in the early 1970s, and I have since learned of official material in Los Angeles reportedly destroyed in recent years.

Few would question that the destruction or loss of official evidence in a case of this importance is an unacceptable breach of faith with the American public, as well as a violation of elementary law enforcement standards. The past LAPD record on this case, however, clearly indicates that such a mistake cannot be ruled out. I appreciate that present commission members may be unfamiliar with the background of this matter and would be willing to provide any additional information which would be useful in that connection.

I have written the commission secretary regarding the security of the case record, but he has been either unable or unwilling to furnish any reply. I am therefore writing you simply to request routine verification that a clear policy exists - and is reliably in force - barring the loss or destruction of all remaining police material, evidence and information relating to this assassination.

Thank you for your assistance of this matter.

Sincerely,



Gregory Stone

cc: other commissioners
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