

1918 Sherman Ave.
Evanston, Illinois
June 30, 1967

Dr. Frank Stanton, Pres.
Columbia Broadcasting Co.
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Dear Sir,

At the time of the debacle of the rigged TV quiz shows
you were publicly quoted as saying:

"As I see it with the benefit of hindsight,
we should have been more thoughtful and
critical."

I greatly regret to inform you that vis-a-vis the
Warren Report CBS should have been considerably more
thoughtful - and critical.

Sincerely

John F. Engelke

1918 Sherman Ave.
Evanston, Illinois
June 30, 1967

Mr. Walter Cronkite
Columbia Broadcasting System
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Re: Pattern of Thinking in
the Kennedy Assassination

Dear Sir,

I want to call your attention to certain facts and circumstances involved in the Kennedy case that are still being withheld from the American people. These facts have come to my own attention over a period of years, starting long before the Kennedy assassination, because they have involved me and members of my family, in a very unusual way, with certain leading events in recent history. They consist, in the first instance, of this series of remarkable coincidences:

- July 16 - My father's birthday (1880 - Indianapolis)
- July 16 - My birthday (1913 - Indianapolis)
- July 16 - First atom bomb test at Alamogordo (1945)

- Aug. 6 - My elder daughter's birthday (1943)
- Aug. 6 - First atom bomb dropped at Hiroshima (1945)

- May 8 - VE Day proclaimed (1945)
- May 8 - Father's death in Indianapolis (1945)

- Aug. 14 - VJ Day celebrated (1945)
- Aug. 14 - Cruiser Indianapolis sinking announced (1945)

- July 27 - My sister's birthday (1917 - Indianapolis)
- July 27 - Korean Armistice signed (1953)

- June 24 - Date of my marriage (1939)
- June 24 - First "flying saucers" reported (1947)

I do not know who contrived these and certain other somewhat similar coincidences I have uncovered, nor what purpose they were supposed to serve. Neither do I know why they were deliberately made to revolve around my family. Obviously, however, they could have been arranged only by someone with access to the highest levels of governmental policy and decision making. For that reason I have, over a period of years, called these and related circumstances repeatedly to the attention of the federal government, including both the executive and legislative branches. A petition of mine for an investigation of this entire situation was, as a matter of fact, pending before the House Judiciary Committee in November, 1963, at the time of the Kennedy assassination.

It has already been publicly pointed out (e.g. in Time, Aug. 21, 1964, page 19) that there were ~~several~~ strange and unexplained coincidences connected with the Kennedy case. For the most part this information has

been simply ignored or dismissed as unworthy of serious consideration. To these publicly acknowledged coincidences, however, must be added certain others which have been withheld from the public but which contain the same oblique personal references - and therefore clearly display the same remarkable pattern of thinking - as the first six sets of coincidences listed above.

Please consider these additional coincidences carefully. First, Mr. Kennedy was reportedly assassinated from the sixth floor of a school book warehouse at the same time I was employed on the sixth floor of a school building in Chicago. (The alleged murder weapon, with telescopic sight, was also reported to have come from Chicago.) Second, Mr. Kennedy was buried on November 25, which, in conformity with the now-familiar pattern of the "birthday coincidences", was the third birthday of his son, John. Third, there is even the seemingly trivial coincidence that Mr. Kennedy and his son, my father and I, all four, share the same first name and middle initials: John F. I do not accept any of these circumstances, of course, as being either trivial or accidental. Neither can I explain what these three coincidences, any more than the others, were supposed to accomplish.

I called the three latter, as well as the former, coincidences directly to the attention of Chief Justice Earl Warren and other members of the investigating commission appointed by Mr. Johnson. Unfortunately, that commission completely, and quite mistakenly, avoided all reference to these circumstances in its final report. I have, of course, protested that report as being inadequate and deceptive, and still regard the Kennedy case, like other elements in this situation, as unsettled.

Almost from the time of the assassination itself I have tried to keep CBS fully informed of these developments as they occurred. My first letter to Mr. Pierrepoint, outlining the coincidences, was sent January 23, 1964. My fifth and latest letter to Mr. Pierrepoint, asking the help of CBS for the Kupferman resolution, was sent only last May 9. I sent this material to Mr. Pierrepoint in Washington both because he was reportedly a Dallas eyewitness and because of my own belief that the final answer to the Kennedy case lies in Washington. Under these circumstances you can understand my astonishment and dismay to find in your broadcasts not only no forthright discussion of the crucial coincidental evidence itself, but no indication that CBS even remotely grasps its significance. I cannot believe, Mr. Cronkite, that you were being knowingly and cynically deceptive a la 1964, but must conclude that you were the victim/either of disastrously poor judgement or of some unaccountable failure of communication within CBS. Whatever the excuse, you and CBS owe it to yourselves, your reputations - and your country - to repair the damage you have done with the greatest possible speed.

Sincerely

John F. Engelle

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