

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: November 23, 1966

FROM : A. Rosen

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Discredit to Kennedy Memory

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Challenges Draw Blast from Jenner

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the assassination and to move if necessary to conduct any new investigation.

In an interview in the U.S. News and World Report Oct. 10, Specter said he didn't believe a new inquiry would disclose any additional evidence, but added that "it's a free country" and that he would not suggest a limit on any scholar's work in analyzing or disputing the commission's work.

"I AGREE with everything Ford and Specter say," Jenner said.

"Book sellers have retreated to such an extreme that they are attacking the character of anyone who has anything to do with the investigation. These men are just not honorable."

"I plead with the people to consider these flimsy and mischievous books against the Warren Commission report," he said.

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