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originally planned, would never have entered the interrogation room and extended the interrogation of Oswald. Had Holmes gone on to church, Oswald would have been transferred, long before Jack Ruby got downtown.

If you continue to make your false slanderous accusations about me in any of your writings, you might include the facts outlined in this letter. You might also include the fact that in 1975 I called for full public release of all Warren Commission files and all CIA files concerning the assassination of President Kennedy. You might also seek to find out why the HSCA refused to allow me the opportunity to testify in an open public hearing, although they gave such an opportunity to your friend, Robert Groden (who, I might add, is completely off base when he describes what took place during his testimony before Robert Olson, Senior Counsel of the Rockefeller Commission). You might also talk about Johnny Calvin Brewer, who trailed Oswald into the Texas Theater, following the Tippit murder. And you can comment about all of Oswald's lies, ranging from the fact that he asserted that he did not kill Tippit to his false denial about owning a rifle and his false assertion that the well-known picture of Oswald holding the rifle was a forgery.

And when you get through all of those issues, you can then address the most fundamental question of all: With people as bright as Melvin Eisenberg, Number One in his class at Harvard Law School, and W. David Slawson, Number One in his class at Amhearst, where he was president of the student body and a magna cum laude Harvard Law School graduate, and Norman Redlich, a professor of law at New York University Law School, and people as experienced as Joseph Ball and Albert E. Jenner, Jr., two of the finest trial lawyers in the United States, plus the other lawyers serving as assistant counsel to the Warren Commission, if there had been any reasonable doubt about whether or not Oswald was the lone gunman who killed President Kennedy, wounded Governor Connally, and killed Officer Tippit, don't you think that at least one of these fourteen independent lawyers from across the country would have spoken out and registered any concern? Or, do you believe that there was some kind of a tacit conspiracy among these fourteen people to reach some preconceived conclusion?

You say that I am a "Republican", implying that this is some kind of a badge of dishonor which would lead me to do bad things while serving with the Warren Commission. Indeed, I was a Republican, as was Albert E. Jenner, Jr. and Wesley James Liebeler, among others. There were also Democrats--actually a majority of the lawyers serving on the Warren Commission staff were Democrats, including Joseph Ball, Melvin Eisenberg, Howard Willens, Norman Redlich, David Slawson, and Burt Griffin. Regardless of the individual political affiliation of the respective lawyers serving with the Warren Commission, every single one of these lawyers approached his work with a total dedication to the determination of the truth. Shame on you that you have to resort to political innuendo. It is another example of the blinders that you have which evidently preclude you from understanding the simple, naked truth that Lee Harvey Oswald was the lone gunman who killed President Kennedy and Officer Tippit and who wounded Governor Connally.

I am sorry that you have such a warped sense of the truth about the assassination of President Kennedy. You asked on page two: "I herewith solicit from you justification for your words ('He, regretfully, is inaccurate.')" I believe this letter and the accompanying