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Dear Dr. Aguilar:

Thank you for sharing with us your views regarding the Journal of the American Medical Association. As Dr. James Todd indicated in his September 22, 1993 letter to you, the editor of JAMA traditionally exercises editorial freedom. The official policy of the Board of Trustees reaffirms this editorial independence. We understand that the subject of President Kennedy's assassination continues to stir strong opinions. We think it unlikely that any editor of JAMA touching on that subject would do so without some controversy. In fact, anyone in that role who pleased everyone surely would be a failure. While Dr. Lundberg enjoys the complete confidence of the Board, we wish to reiterate that we encourage and are always pleased to receive the views of the Association's membership on the job they think we're doing.

Very truly yours,

Robert E. McAfee, MD
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