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Dear "r. Lamcaster,

Thanks for your thoughtful letter. Our list is enclosed. I write more in fairness to the memory of the man who was, for his day, one of the better genators, as 1 then bedieved. I am, by the way, a Democrat.

It was difficult for me to understand how men I respect, like Warren and Cooper, could sign that Report. I can take time for all I learned after writing my first book but I came to understand that while Warren knew what he was doing, no innocence there, he did believe it was in the country's interest and he had been confied by LBJ and intimidated by J. EDgar Hoover. To a lesser degree this is true of all the Memberg including Cooper. But they were all too bust to do justice to that responsibility and for all the efforts they made they could not be fully aware of the evidence that, biased as it was, destroyed the conclusions of the Report. Bill Neichter, a Louisville lawyer and a friend, has been trying to improve the Cooper archive. He learned that Cooper took the Commission secrecy so literally he shared nothing with his staff and aside from his many Senate responsibilities spent hours each week going over the enormous load of what was a essentially irrelevant dumped on them by the staff. But as I learned from Russell, Cooper was cityh him in his vigorous opposition to the single bullet theory and refused to sign the Report with that in it. Rankin and Warren worked out what they presented as a compromise that incorportated Russell's and Cooper's objections but it was a con, it was saying the same thing in different words, which neither Russell nor Cooper understand. To a limited degree I go into this in WW IV. I've learned more since then. It was in fairness to Cooper's memory that when Norris' producer phoned I said I'd like people in Kentucky to know a little of the truth. If there had been more time I could have said more. I had what "ussell preprared in advance of an executive session he forced by refusing to sign the Report, with Cooper's agreement, and I was prepared to read part of it, along with Cooper's agreement with it.

Wish I had time for more. Thanks and best wishes,

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MR. WEIS BERG,

I WAS TUNED TO JANE NORRIS'S PROGRAM (WHAS) THIS MORNING WHILE SHE INTERVIEWED YOU ABOUT THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION. I WIGHT THAT SHE HAD TAKEN MORE TIME ON THE SUBJECT BECAUSE YOU GAVE MORE PERTIDENT INFORMATION IN 12 HOUR THAN ANY BOBY OI HAVE EVER HEARD DISCUSSING THE ASS ASS INATION.

I LIVE IN SOMERSET, KY. AND GREW RP THINKING JOHN SHERMAN COOPER WAS A GREAT MAN. I CHANGED THAT DRIVION AFTER THE RELEASE OF THE WARREN REDORT. IN FACT, I WAS ASHMMED OF THE FACT THAT A MAN FROM MY STATE AND MY HOMETON COLLO HAVE A HAND IN SOMETHING 50 ODVIOUSLY FLAWED AS THE WARREN REPORT. YOU HAVE CHANGED MY THINKING SOME WHAT, ABOUT MR. COOPER WITH THE STATEMENT YOU MADE ADOUT HIM NOT BELIEVING THE SINGLE BULLET THEORY. COULD HE HAVE BEEN COERCED INTO LENDING HIS NAME TO THIS REPORT WITHOUT ACTUALLY KNOWING WHAT WAS IN IT.

I WAS A JUNIOR AT SOMERSET HIGH SCHOOL 31 YEARS AGO TODAY AND REMEMBER VIVIDLY THAT AFTER NOON AND EVENING. IT STARTED ME DOWN THE ROAD OF DOUBT & MISTRUST OF MY GOVERNMENT THAT CONTINUES TO THIS DAY. MARK LANE'S <u>RUSH</u> TO JUGEMENT WAS THE FIRST BOOK THAT I READ AFTEN THE RELEASE OF

THE WARREN REPORT AND IT ASKED QUESTIONS THAT STILL HAVE NOT BEEN ANSWERED TO MY SATTS FACTION. PERHAPS Some of your MATERIAL WILL BE ABLE TO, WHICH LEADS ME TO THE REASON FOR THIS LETTER. WILL YOU BE JO KIND AS TO SEND ME A LIST & DESCRIPTION OF THE BOOKS THAT YOU HAVE WRITTEN ON THIS SUBJECT. MY MAILING ADDRESS is! LARRY H. LANCASTER P.O. Box 901 SOMERSET, KY 42502-0901 ALSO, IF YOU DON'T MIND TELEPHONE CALLS TO TALK ABOUT THE ASSASSINATION, PLEASE INCLUSE YOUR PHONE NUMBER. Fany & Laurant