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Dear gris,

excuse typing. almost chopped left thumb off. doing vy well but awkward.

on your suggestion, you nephew, jenifer schroeder, has written me asking how she can get in touch with the committee to investigations because she wants to support them in any way she can. i cannot, in good conscience, tell her how in any way that would suggest my enforcement, hence i write you, leaving it up to you what to tell her, what not to, etc. young people today have too much disillusionment to live with. unless your niece is without common sense, this would but add to hers.

may i add that to this day there has been no committee that has not been or would up an abortion in almost all cases because of ego-tripping. nor can i think of one that has done any real good or the converse, not done serious harm. to this i can add only an opinion, a good one would have been very helpful from the first.

the ctia is the creation and creature of a good friend of mine, bud fensterwald. we still work together on some things. i refused to join his committee (and the word and intent are his) when he formed it for two reasons, the first doctrinal, the hell with research, I'm gonna solve the goddam assassination; the second personal, he had picked a bunch of has-beens, marginal paranoids and a couple of names who could be depended upon to be inactive, but no major critic. oh, yes, a couple of literary crooks, too. his only changes since then has been to add names of the inactives and a few more whores, almost without exception. since the origin, although he has come to recognize the stupidity of his original concept and has switched to mine, that we must bird-dog this to death, the other and serious sins are too visible to ignore. except to give bus personal publicity, this committee has, in my opinion, yet to do a single worthwhile thing. they have done hurtful things and they have failed to in a number of other cases only because i blasted them to their faces and shamed them. they are incredible for many reasons, perhaps most of all because after all this time not one of them possesses the basic knowledge of the basic fact. this is not to say they are not nice people. i have doubts about the integrity of a couple of members of the board. i know bud can't and won't keep his word if he sees a chance for personal kudos, and he has ruined a couple of the more promising ongoing investigations with which he had nothing to do in an effort to grab such credit. there is a young lawyer working with him of whom i am both fond and full of respect. bud, personally, is a nice guy. but he created this committee in his own image for his own benefit, is independently wealthy and does not need the money he solicits, which would do no more than reduce the drain on him, and in too many cases it comes from those for whom it represents a sacrifice.

if your niece wants to oppose the right-wing or help with any kind of assassination work, there is no other serious way in which she cannot do this better. they are not even doing today's research, and their fierce determination to do everything for bud's credit forces them to be working on things so dated that all the serious critics- of whom no single one felt this association possible- have long since forgotten. i hate to tell you so frankly that it has done nothing, dreams the wildest dreams, wastes money and the time and effort of others, and has nothing but the most invalid and cheapest personal publicity to show for it, all further destroying the credibility of those doing real work, tending to siphon off the help they do not need and others do, and, of course, misleading everyone to think they represent all. aside from this there is the real question of rationality on this subject. ask your niece to send you that story and examine its conclusion, that "we" (read bud) are ready for teddy's assassination. To do what? Weep? If your niece and you are not satisfied with my candor, ask her to send me a self-addressed postcard and I'll dig the address out of my files and send it. I will not engage in argument on this for the older i get, the more i have to do in less time, and the more unwelcome i find having to waste time wiping the backsides of the babies. But less than the truth would deceive you both. best regards,

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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

I read about The Committee to Investigate Assassinations in the Chicago Daily News last November & tried to write them in Washington, D.C., but my letter was returned by the Post Office.

The evident use of assassination by right-wingers to assure that America's war policies are not changed is most depressing, and I would like to support the Committee to Investigate Assassinations in any way I can.

Could you send me the correct address so I may write them?

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Schroeder

P.S. My uncle, Grierson Morgan, referred me to you.