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Dear Mr. Patterson:

This is in response to your most recent communications concerning matters pertaining to the House Select Committee on Assassinations.

In regard to your concern that your testimony before the Committee was in some way responsible for a perjury charge being lodged against John Ray, I have again contacted Chairman Stokes for his comments on this matter.

I also noted your statement that the Select Committee on Assassinations was involved in "unethical, if not illegal activities." In view of your desire to pursue this matter, I contacted the House Committee on Ethics. They advised me that if your charges involved a violation of the House of Representatives' Code of Official Conduct, the matter would fall within their jurisdiction. However, they further stated that the Code does not really deal with investigative conduct and it is unlikely that they would have any authority in the matter. However, if you believe the committee staff committed criminal violations, you may wish to contact the U.S. Attorney for the locality in which you believe the offense occurred. The following addresses may prove useful to you:

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I trust this information fully responds to your letters,
and I will be back in touch as soon as I receive a response
from the Select Committee on Assassinations.

Sincerely yours,



Harold L. Volkmer

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