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Mr. Oliver Patterson
12350 Old Halls Ferry
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Dear Mr. Patterson:

This is in further response to your inquiries pertaining to your testimony before the Select Committee on Assassinations and your related travel expenses.

Pursuant to my inquiries in your behalf, Mr. G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director of the Committee, has now provided me with a report. It is enclosed for your review and records.

I appreciate your bringing your concerns to my attention and sincerely regret that the Committee's decision was not consistent with your request.

Sincerely yours,



Harold L. Volkmer

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March 29, 1979

The Honorable Harold L. Volkmer
1728 Longworth Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Volkmer:

Chairman Stokes asked me to respond to your letters of February 5, 1979 and February 26, 1979, concerning inquiries from your constituent, Mr. Oliver Patterson.

Mr. Patterson was a witness before the Select Committee. As such, he was entitled to and did receive mileage and other expenses. Mr. Patterson, however, apparently believes that he is entitled for reimbursement or payment for a variety of other items. He does not.

His earlier claims were carefully reviewed by the staff and Budget Office. Mr. Patterson has been paid what is consistent with House Rules. He is not entitled to any additional reimbursement or payments.

Mr. Patterson's testimony before the Committee was not responsible for the recommendation by the Committee to the Department of Justice that Mr. John Ray be investigated for perjury before the Committee.

Respectfully,

G. Robert Blakey

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Chief Counsel and Director

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