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THE THIRD DECADE

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Dear Colleague:

As you may have heard, I am in the process of setting up a new research journal on the JFK assassination to be called The Third Decade. The interest in this subject that you have previously manifested prompts me to invite you to continue that interest through your involvement with this new journal. The journal will be published bi-monthly beginning in November, 1984 and will be available at the low subscription rates included below. This journal will not be a "newsletter" in the sense of providing updates on case "developments," though it will hopefully include a monthly feature to inform assassination researchers of some of the work that others are doing. Nor will the journal be a "house organ" to show-case my own research, though I should certainly expect to publish much of my own completed and continuing research. What the journal is to be, in essence, is a vehicle for researchers to present their work to an interested audience, and for other researchers to engage with them in constructive dialogues. The attached sheet on "manuscript solicitation" spells this out a bit more.

Concerning the mentioned "audience," you should know that I am in the process of circulating major college and university and also public libraries throughout the United States and the world. While I cannot tell you at this point what the response to this solicitation may be, I think you should know that an effort is being made to develop a wide readership for our work so that we are not just talking to ourselves.

Finally, let me urge you, whether you choose to subscribe or not, to return the attached survey of ongoing JFK assassination research interests. Beginning with the November issue, I expect to publish brief profiles of researchers-at-work, to the end of facilitating communication between the readers of The Third Decade and those who are active on the "case." If you do choose to subscribe and return the survey herewith, I am prepared to allow you to deduct the princely sum of \$5 from your 1, 2 or 3 years subscription.

I shall be happy to hear from you at any time with anything you may want to say about The Third Decade. Also feel free to publicize this effort among interested persons whom I may not be reaching with this mailing.

Sincerely yours,

Jerry D. Rose, editor
THE THIRD DECADE

P.S. Please excuse my contacting you through this form letter and "bulk mailing." I am trying to cut every expense corner to keep subscription rates low while publicizing the journal as widely as possible.

THE THIRD DECADE subscription rates

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MANUSCRIPT SOLICITATION

Manuscripts for The Third Decade publication are solicited from all assassination scholars, whether they happen to have academic credentials or not, whether their perspectives on the event happen to agree with those of the editors. Manuscripts are evaluated on three criteria only: (a) whether they are relevant to the intentions of the journal; that is, whether they focus on some aspect of the JFK assassination and/or the investigations thereof; (b) whether they contain adequate documentation for the assertions of fact that they contain. In the case of articles written from a journalistic perspective of first-hand interviews or conversations with involved persons, the researcher's statement of his/her sources of information will be acceptable without footnote documentation; unnamed "Deep Throat" sources will not be sufficient; (c) whether they involve original contributions in the form of newly-discovered facts and/or novel interpretations of already-known facts.

Manuscripts may be submitted in one copy in any readable form; the researcher should retain a duplicate copy. The editors may accept a given manuscript "as is" or reject publication of same, suggesting alternative publication possibilities if feasible. More typically, perhaps, the editors may suggest to the author such changes, small or large, as may make the paper suitable for publication. Footnote citations may be in any generally-employed citation format, but the format in published articles will be adjusted to the citation practices of the journal.

Selected articles will be typed on an IBM display writer and the first print-out will be sent the author with the expectation that he/she will proofread this material and also make any minor substantive corrections that may be needed. After the editors receive the proofed material, the indicated corrections will be made and all selected articles will be off-set printed in The Third Decade. Those photographs or other illustrations necessary to explain the texts of written papers will be published; these can be size-reduced by our printers if necessary. However such illustrations add considerably to printing costs and illustrations of a decorative or attention-getting nature should be avoided, especially where these are readily accessible elsewhere to assassination researchers.

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Please address all manuscripts and other business matters related to the journal to:

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JFK ASSASSINATION
Research Interest Survey

Information from this survey will be used to prepare, for publication in THE THIRD DECADE, profiles of currently-active assassination researchers.

NAME _____ Telephone # _____
(if willing to receive phone calls)

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Areas of interest in the JFK assassination: (any research specialties)

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