Dear Third Decade Member:

The Third Decade is sponsoring a midwest symposium on the assassination of John F. Kennedy in Chicago on June 26-28. Proceeds from this event will be used to further our research efforts and fund organized activities designed to obtain the release of the 1979 House Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) files sealed until the year 2029.

A closed meeting for Third Decade members will be held on Friday, June 26th from 9 AM to 4:30 PM at the Newberry Library (see enclosed schedule.) In addition to sharing new research findings, we also need to use this time to discuss ways the proceeds from the symposium can best be used to help our cause. This session will be free. We also plan to hold a press conference Friday morning at the library at 11 AM. I am requesting that all of our keynote and expert speakers be present at this event.

During the press conference, we may proclaim a day on which a coordinated, nation-wide phone-in and letter-writing campaign is targeted at each of the senate and house committees involved in the release of the assassination files. However, our decision to do so will depend upon the status of the hearings at the time of the symposium. If you have any suggestions on other announcements or activism strategies for the this press conference, contact me immediately. Leave a message for me at (708) 574-3187, ext. 318, but please be discrete. This is my business office. Just leave your name, phone number, and identify yourself as a Third Decade member. You can also write me at the address shown at the bottom of this letter.

A public dinner party will be held Friday evening. Among our keynote speakers will be actor Ed Asner and political activist Dick Gregory. I plan to add two additional keynote speakers to this panel. The price for the dinner party will be $75 per person. The symposium will be held on Saturday and Sunday, and feature public lectures by each of the persons listed on the enclosed flyer. In addition to these persons, I am also hopeful of getting Dr. Charles Crenshaw to tell us about the emergency room at Parkland Memorial Hospital. A number of our speakers will also discuss the assassinations of Robert F. Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King. As a Third Decade member, your total discounted price for the weekend lectures will be $48.

Call the appropriate phone number shown at the bottom of the enclosed flyer if you’d like to acquire tickets for the dinner party and/or register for the symposium.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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Director, Planning Committee
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Hammond, Indiana 46323
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A MIDWEST SYMPOSIUM ON THE ASSASSINATION OF JOHN F. KENNEDY

Including lectures on the assassinations of Robert F. Kennedy & Martin Luther King

DINNER PARTY: 6 PM FRIDAY, JUNE 26TH, $75
(Site to be determined)

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS
Ed Asner
Activist & Supporting Actor, "JFK"

Dick Gregory
Activist & Co-author, "Code Name Zorro"

PUBLIC LECTURES, SATURDAY, JUNE 27TH & SUNDAY, JUNE 28TH, $48
Thorne Hall, Northwestern University, Chicago Campus, 375 E. Chicago Avenue

The Movie & The Media:
Jane Russo
Oliver Stone's "JFK" Research Coordinator

Jerry Poloff
Assassination Researcher & Media Critic

The Theories:
Dr. John Newman
Author, JFK in Vietnam

The Vietnam Policy Hypothesis:
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The JFK & RFK Autopsies:
Dr. Cyril Wecht
JFK, RFK Autopsy Expert & Forensic Pathologist

The JFK Inquest:
Archives
Producer, "The Second Gun"

The 1992 JFK Hearings & The MLK Inquest

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FOIA & The Assassination Files:
Jim Lesar
Pres. Assassination Archives & Research Center
Washington, D.C.

The Photographic Evidence:
Robert Groden
Co-author, High Treason,
JFK: The Case for Conspiracy
Expert Witness, 1979 HSCA Hearings

LBJ Theories:
Craig Zirbel
Author, The Texas Connection

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WEEKEND SCHEDULE
June 26-28

Friday, June 26th:

9 AM - 11 AM
Closed Meeting
11 AM - 12 AM
Press Conference
1 PM - 4:30 PM
Closed Meeting (Continued)
6 PM - 7 PM
Dinner (Site to be announced)
7 PM - 9:30 PM
Keynote Speeches
9:30 PM - 12:00 AM
Party

Closed Third Decade Meeting & Press Conference
The Newberry Library
60 W. Walton
N.W. Corner, Clark & Walton
First Floor, East Hall
Chicago, Illinois 60610

Saturday, June 27th:

9 AM - 12:30 PM:
The Movie & The Media, Jane Rusconi, Jerry Policoff
1:30 PM - 4:30 PM:
The Photographic Evidence, Robert Groden
6 PM - 7:30 PM:
FOIA & The Assassination Files, Jim Lesar
7:30 PM - 10 PM:
The 1992 JFK Hearings & The MLK Inquest, John Judge

Public Lectures, Thorne Hall
Northwestern University, Chicago Campus
375 E. Chicago Avenue
S.W. Corner, Chicago Avenue & Lake Shore Drive
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Sunday, June 28th:

9 AM - 12 PM:
The JFK & RFK Autopsics, Dr. Cyril Wecht
1 PM - 4 PM:
The Vietnam Policy Hypothesis, Dr. John Newman
4:30 PM - 7 PM:
LBJ Theories, Craig Zirbel
7:30 PM - 10 PM:
The RFK Inquest, Ted Sharach
May 20, 1992

To: All Third Decade Group Conveners

Re: Letter to the Editor Project

With the enthusiastic approval of Jerry Rose, I am writing to request your support for a coordinated national letter-to-the-editor action designed to (1) counter the recent news-capturing pronouncement of the autopsy doctors, (2) seize an opportune political moment to refocus the debate on a prime conspiracy suspect, none other than "Poppy", himself, (3) show ourselves we can do more than just research, and (4) above all, put pressure on the system to open up the files NOW while the tide is running with us. With this in mind, I respectfully ask that you join in this effort.

Enclosed is the proposed letter to be sent to the editors of the newspapers in your area--major and minor ones. Feel free to modify the text if you feel compelled to do so. One or more people must sign it, adding their addresses and phone numbers so that the newspaper may confirm authenticity. (In the Philadelphia area, for example, Joe Heyer is asking each of the group members to sign.)

With both vacation season and campaign season fast approaching, there is a need for urgency. We are aiming for all letters to be sent out by about June 15th.

This is the first of a series of actions we might be able to engage in. As something of a newcomer--but one who has just finished reading every article in every back issue of the Third Decade, plus about 3 dozen books, my opinion is that the Conspiracy Busting community comprises some of the best minds in the nation. I am wholly confident we will one day be vindicated in our efforts. But it will take actions such as this to move the politicians and to reach our goal. We must seize the moment. There may never be a better time to act.

I can be reached at 717/397-7703 (message) or 717/397-7417 (M-F, 8-10am) with any questions, or comments. Feel free to offer your criticisms as well. Please let Jerry know what you are able to do on this. Keep the torch burning...
Dear Editor:

The Bush Administration has announced that it will seek to block the proposed opening of the JFK assassination files. To many this action—which runs contrary to the will of a huge majority of Americans—raises questions about George Bush himself.

Bush’s 1948 graduation from Yale coincided with the birth of the CIA. CIA founders naively believed that the inherent conflict between secrecy and democracy could be resolved by recruiting “the best and the brightest” from Harvard and Yale. Son of a U.S. Senator, George Bush was a natural candidate.

While Bush supposedly became a Houston oil man, it is believed by many that he used his Zapata Oil Company in the early 1960s as a cover for CIA activities. Former CIA and Pentagon official Colonel Fletcher Prouty says that Bush was in charge of outfitting the two troop ships (named "Barbara" and "Houston") used for the landing phase of the Bay of Pigs invasion (this phase was code-named "Operation Zapata").

There is undeniable evidence that a George Bush met with J. Edgar Hoover the day after the assassination of President Kennedy. In a memo dated November 29, 1963, Hoover himself recounted his meeting of the 23d, concluding with: "The substance of the foregoing information was orally furnished to Mr. George Bush of the Central Intelligence Agency." Later, Bush—whose only known public service at the time was two terms in Congress—was named to head the CIA by former Warren Commission member Gerald Ford.

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This is not to suggest that Mr. Bush was a co-conspirator in any assassination plot. But these facts do raise several legitimate concerns:

1) Was Mr. Bush in the CIA in the early 1960s, working with the anti-Castro Cuban community?

2) What, if anything, did George Bush know about the assassination?

3) What role, if any, did George Bush play in the subsequent "investigation" by the CIA, or its acknowledged misleading of the Warren Commission?

4) Is Mr. Bush's involvement the key reason these files are still secret? Is it the reason the White House is now trying to block release of these files?

Americans have had enough--and more than enough--of government delay, deception and duplicity surrounding the assassination of John F. Kennedy. He was our President. We are citizens of this democracy. The time has come for all of us to demand--absolutely, unequivocally demand--that every single file and document related to this tragedy be released now, without further delay--and before, not after, the November elections.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

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[NOTE: One signer is enough. When many wish to sign, those who cannot sign the original should sign an attached copy. Be sure to attach names, addresses and phone numbers, so the newspaper is able to confirm the intentions of each signer. In retyping this, be sure to fill in [DATE] and [NEWSPAPER ADDRESS] on pgs 1&2.]
Local group fights to open Kennedy files

Hearings in Congress closely followed here

By Stephanie A. Reid
Democrat and Chronicle

Non-disclosure of sealed files on President John F. Kennedy's assassination nearly 30 years ago is a waste of taxpayer's money, says a local watching group.

That's why the Rochester Chapter of The Third Decade is closely watching U.S. House of Representatives hearings, which began Tuesday and have continued throughout the week, on a proposed joint resolution to make public more than 700,000 pages of classified information.

The 12-member local branch was formed in February amid renewed interest in the Kennedy assassination brought on by the movie JFK — to fight for release of the information.

State University College at Fredonia professor Jerry Rose founded The Third Decade in November 1984 as a clearinghouse for new information on the assassination.

The organization now is headed by Fredonia professor Gregory Quail, who says it has more than 300 members in 21 chapters in the U.S. and one in Belgium.

"A lot of us have been interested in the assassination for a lot of years, but we're not like most buffs," said John Giunta, media coordinator for the Rochester chapter.

"We're concerned citizens and taxpayers who do not want to see another investigation go by the wayside and waste our money," Giunta said.

Even with U.S. Reps. Frank J. Horton (R-Penfield) and Louise M. Slaughter (D-Perinton) supporting the resolution, members are "hopefully optimistic but cautiously skeptical" regarding the resolution's success.

Giunta said: "We'd like to look at the glass as half full rather than half empty."

Quail said part of the group's skepticism has to do with whether the information will be censored, if and when it is declassified.

"Historically, we're in an age of Watergate and Iran-Contra," said Quail, whose interest in the Kennedy assassination dates back to secondary school.

"A lot of times when documents are released by the government, they come out chopped up with important information crossed out."

Slaughter, who along with Horton is one of the resolution's more than 40 sponsors, said this week had no doubt about the information's eventual review and release by a five-member board as the resolution instructs.

THE INFORMATION includes classified material from the CIA and FBI, the Warren Commission and two later Congressional investigations.

"It's terribly important for the people to know the truth where ever it leads," she said, adding that the material could clear up a number of inconsistencies.

Slaughter also supports making public files in the Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert Kennedy assassination cases.

Horton argued in a statement at Tuesday's hearings that further delay in releasing the material would "simply bring to a boil the already simmering controversy."

BUT HE ALSO was fearful that by making the files public, lawmakers would fall prey to the current fad of re-examining the deaths of previous presidents.

Within the past year, authorities exhumed President John Tyler's body to investigate a theory that he died in 1826 as a result of poisoning.

And scientists plan to screen small amounts of Abraham Lincoln's DNA taken from the clothes he wore when assassinated in 1865 to test a theory that he suffered from Marfan's Syndrome.

To the syndrome, which is estimated to affect more than 40,000 people today, is a genetic disease of the body's connective tissue.

Add to that renewed interest in re-examining the Kennedy assassination brought on by director Oliver Stone's movie JFK.

"MR. CHAIRMAN, I support the opening and review of the old records as we approach the normal 30-year review anniversary and I sincerely hope that the full, satisfactory truth will be discovered and this matter finally put to rest," Horton said in the statement.

"And quite frankly, let the chips fall where they may. I fear, however, that some of those chips will undeniably land on predisposed shoulders, and we all know that anyone with a chip on his shoulder is never fully satisfied."

Despite the passage of nearly 30 years and several government investigations, many critics still dis-