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TO : Directors, Members, and Friends of the Committee  
FROM : Bud Fensterwald, Executive Director  
SUBJECT: Progress Report After One Year of Existence

It is encouraging to report that our CIA (not to be confused with the other CIA) is "alive and well" in Washington. It is literally true that our annual budget would not keep the other CIA in paper clips for the year, but we are grateful to exist and be making progress.

There was an informal meeting of several of the Directors in September, and it was our general conclusion that we were advancing slowly, surely, and responsibly. We hope to have a full-fledged meeting of the Board at an early date if we can find an "angel."

One small but interesting development grew out of the September meeting. It was decided that we should send a letter to former Chief Justice Warren, seeking permission to show him some of the documentary and photographic evidence which is in direct conflict with the Commission's Report and its conclusions. Knowing he would never get the letter unless it were hand-delivered, I took it to the Supreme Court building, where Chief Justice Warren maintains an office. Not only was I not permitted to deliver it to him, I was also forbidden even to give it to his Secretary; the latter said, over the telephone: 'Leave it with the Marshal; the Chief Justice does not receive mail on that subject.' How's that for an open mind!! (A copy of the letter, which was never even acknowledged, is enclosed for your information).

WHERE DO WE STAND?

Following is a personal evaluation of where we are at this juncture. In my view, we are making considerable progress, despite the fact that we have had no sensational breakthroughs. We have interested a handful of Congressmen and Senators in our work; this is important, as our primary target is a Congressional investigation of the "assassination problem." We are getting much help from a number of non-members who must, of necessity, remain nameless. A few of these are defectors from the "other side."

As to the JFK case, we are much nearer to a solution than we were a year ago. In fact, if we had a Congressional Committee (with subpoena power) through which to work, I am confident that we could "crack" this case in one day's hearing.

As to the King case, we have information in hand which proves that a conspiracy was responsible for the murder. (See enclosed report on trip to England). Unfortunately, Ray will never be tried until he can prove that he was denied the right to counsel at his Memphis hearing (I can't call it a trial). It is my best judgment that the King case, if it is to be "solved," will have to be done outside the Tennessee courts. That's where we have a considerable role.

As to the RFK case, we have a number of researchers in Los Angeles (and elsewhere) working hard. There has been considerable progress but, again, no breakthroughs.

#### OUTLOOK

We are still aiming toward a Congressional investigation. It is my belief that by the end of 1970, at least one Congressman will note the necessity (and even the political possibilities) of such a probe.

We are also going to use the federal courts. Dr. John Nichols of Kansas City has a suit pending for release of the JFK autopsy pictures, X-rays, etc., under the Freedom of Information Act. Another suit, re King case, will be filed soon in Washington. Other cases are planned.

We also hope to be able soon to put much of our information into computer form, which will ultimately be of great help. Computers cannot "solve" the cases, but they can certainly help.

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO?

Many of our Friends have asked 'What can we do?' There is much that you can do. Here are a few things:

You can interest others in our work. Enclosed you will find a sheet of solicitation blanks which invite persons to become Patrons, Associate Members, or Friends of the Committee. If you have not done so, please join us. Try to enlist your friends and acquaintances.

You can help us build our library by sending in any books on assassinations that are either duplicates or that you feel are obsolete. Thus we will be able to loan them to others. We especially need a second set of the "26 volumes" if anyone can spare one.

You can clip "assassination articles" from your papers and those magazines to which you subscribe and send them into our office. We overlook important items from time to time.

You can volunteer to do some amateur sleuthing in your area. We have unfollowed leads in almost every part of the country.

ENCLOSURES

There are enclosed a number of items which we hope will be both interesting and of use to researchers:

- 1) Letter to Earl Warren
- 2) Selected Chronology of James Earl Ray's Peregrinations
- 3) Report on Trip to England Made by Fensterwald, Flammonde, and Oltmans
- 4) Solicitation Sheet
- 5) Selected Bibliography on Assassinations
- 6) Archives List of "De-Classified" Documents
- 7) Clipping from Congressional Record Re Our CIA

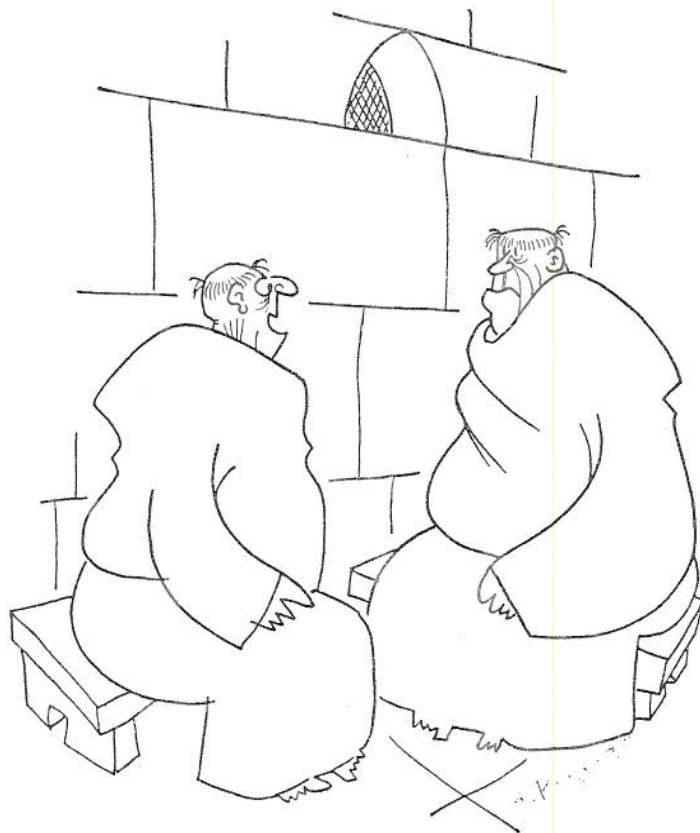
In closing, I wish to thank all of those people who have been associated with us in one way or another during our first year. It is your help and moral support which permit us to keep our eye on the goal. You may be assured that we have no intention of lessening our efforts.

Best regards,

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*'My theory is that there was a second Judas on a grassy knoll—!'*