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Dear Mr. Fensterwald:

Last July I requested certain materials from your office and you very kindly obliged with a large dollop of very interesting and valuable stuff.

The delay in thanking you for it reflects no lack of appreciation by either my wife or myself, but rather how far behind we are in our own work and how communications can fail even on this modest level. We each somehow got the idea the other had written to thank you and send you a check.

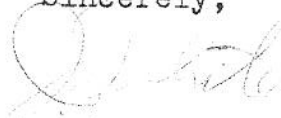
Well, neither of us had, and in all chagrin I now hasten to patch things up a bit. We would like to contribute more; you will understand, I'm sure, how things have been the past six years and how the expenses involved often have threatened to run away with us.

At the beginning we set ourselves what then seemed an attainable objective -- to collect a representative sample of the public record of what happened from 22 November 1963 on. No need to tell you how this keeps expanding into "new" areas, until we find ourselves collecting material on everything from darkest Africa through darkest Vietnam to darkest Washington.

We are much interested in the work of your committee, and would like to be kept on your mailing list and receive your material, paying ordinary membership costs, but without being publicly identified with your organization. I still have three years to go with the AP in San Francisco before retiring, and my employer of 33 years here and abroad can't be expected to applaud having any of its employes publicly associated with anything partisan, particularly where anything as touchy as assassinations is concerned.

Thanking you again for your prompt and generous response to my original inquiry.

Sincerely,



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