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COALITION TO REOPEN RFK ASSASSINATION CASE FORMED

The Citizens' Coalition to Reopen the Robert F. Kennedy Assassination Case was formed this week in New York City to investigate contradictions in the official report on the Kennedy assassination (please see enclosed letter), and to mobilize public support for resolving these contradictions.

The group, a non-partisan coalition of private citizens, attorneys, students, and professionals, is a grassroots organization that is committed to having this case reopened.

From information that the Coalition has gathered, many serious questions have arisen about the assassination.

"After I'd seen the press conference with (former Congressman) Allard Lowenstein, I called him up with the idea of forming a coalition to investigate this case," said Ms. Patricia Nordstrom, an advancewoman in Robert Kennedy's 1968 campaign. "I also spoke with other people who were involved in the campaign and private citizens who have expressed concern about the many unresolved questions in this case."

Noting that she had been a Kennedy aide in the California primary, Ms. Nordstrom, co-ordinator of the Coalition and a working member of the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Foundation, remains "perplexed as to whether this was a conspiracy or whether one man killed Kennedy."

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Ms. Nordstrom said that she has "very serious doubts" regarding the prevailing theory that Sirhan Sirhan was the lone assassin. "I hope the growing sentiment to reinvestigate the assassination will, in the end, uncover the truth," she concluded.

At the present time, the Coalition is asking members to get in touch with other organizations and public figures to endorse and actively support its effort.

The basis of the Coalition's concern is the threat to the nation's democratic institutions presented by assassinations and attempted assassinations. The group claims that the only way to insure open and free elections in the future is to put to rest the questions in the Robert F. Kennedy case that are, to date, unanswered by responsible authorities.

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the Robert F. Kennedy Assassination Case.

THE NEW YORK COALITION TO REOPEN
THE ROBERT F. KENNEDY ASSASSINATION CASE

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Dear Friend,

The New York Coalition to Reopen the Robert F. Kennedy Assassination Case will sponsor a special free showing in March of "The Second Gun," the controversial documentary film on the Robert Kennedy assassination in Los Angeles that was unaccountably withdrawn from public distribution after one week in New York in 1973.

The film will be shown at the Graduate Student Center of City University, 33 West 42nd Street, on Thursday, March 13, at 7:00 p.m. The room number for the showing will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of the Center.

The Coalition is a non-partisan group of citizens who want to mobilize public opinion to pressure responsible authorities to reopen the investigation of an event which had such a profound effect on the course of American history.

The two-hour film, produced by Theodore Charach and Gerard Alcan, raises questions about circumstances surrounding Kennedy's death, including the following:

1. How many bullets were fired during the Ambassador Hotel ordeal;
2. Why the ballistics report and the general report of the incident do not agree;
3. Why so many pieces of evidence are missing;
4. Why the eyewitness accounts differ from the autopsy report.

After consulting experts and eyewitnesses who have been seeking additional information in this case since 1968, the Coalition, formed in January of this year, decided that this screening would get our public campaign off to a challenging and thought-provoking start.

Speakers invited to comment on the film and the case are Dr. Cyril Wecht, a long-time friend of the Kennedy family and renowned pathologist, and Antonio G. Olivieri, former New York Assemblyman and a Democratic candidate for Lt. Governor in last year's Primary.

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We look forward to seeing you at this special showing of "The Second Gun." Please return the enclosed postcard to receive more information about the Coalition, or telephone Pat Nordstrom at 212-977-2871.

Cordially,

Patricia Nordstrom

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Susan Johnson Baldwin

Dear Friend,

We are a group of citizens who are trying to mobilize public opinion to pressure the proper authorities into re-opening the Robert F. Kennedy Assassination Case.

We understand that, during the investigative procedures and the trial, a number of questions were not sufficiently answered by the then Los Angeles District Attorney Evelle Younger. A republican, he now serves as Attorney General for the State of California, and is still disinterested in bringing the case to the public.

In addition, new probes into the Kennedy case have revealed that the District Attorney's office headed by Joseph P. Busch refuses to answer the still unanswered questions that we, as a coalition, and former Congressman Allard Lowenstein are asking.

We believe that four general points must be considered when one is attempting to reconstruct this case: namely,

1. How many bullets were fired during the Ambassador Hotel ordeal;
2. Why the Ballistics report and the General Report of the incident do not agree.
3. Why so many pieces of evidence are missing.
4. And, why the eye-witness accounts differ from the autopsy report.

We suggest that five concrete steps urged by two investigators in this case should be followed:

They are as follows:

1. Test fire the Sirhan gun for the purpose of bullet comparisons.
2. Convene an independent panel of ballistics experts to conduct a complete restudy of ballistics issues in this case.
3. Administer Neutron Activation Tests to help determine the source of bullets and bullet fragments which were recovered.
4. Release or undertake an official trajectory study accounting for bullet damage in the pantry.
5. Release the Ten Volume report of the official investigation and permit reasonable access to important items of evidence.

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Very briefly, we have explained to you some of the many disparaging and unanswered contradictions in this tragic case. Our problem now is to motivate you, our allies, to contact political associations, various organizations to which you belong, and friends. We hope by a chain arrangement that all those interested persons will make the same commitments to build this movement.

In closing, we would say that this case is obviously a difficult one. But we would go one step further to say that we believe that it is a difficult case that should and must be solved. There are too many contradictions that Los Angeles authorities have not been able to answer. There has been too little interest under the agencies of the federal government to re-open the case. In addition, those of us who are interested in democratic government wonder if it will be possible to hold open and free elections, without assassinations in the future, IF THIS CASE IS NOT RESOLVED.

Help Us.....

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