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Lewis' personal  
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Dear Dick:


Thank you so much for your expression of confidence in me which I assure you I will do all that is humanly possible to justify.

A quick and casual glance suggests that you are being deluged with administrative needs and decisions so monumental that it is taking your valuable time away from the primary function of planning the investigations. May I suggest that my first task be to use my organizational talents to review completely the current situation and give you a full report with suggestions as to how we might simplify and reduce the start-up problems.

Have Carol give me a call if there is anything that you wish me to do in the interim, but otherwise, I look forward to seeing you on December 6.

With all best regards,

Sincerely,



Alvin B. Lewis, Jr.

ABL, Jr.:gm

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In 1973, he served as Chairman of two committees investigating crime, holding a series of hearings in Lancaster and Lebanon Counties. Further, he has served as a director of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Council on Crime and Delinquency, President of the Lebanon County Bar Association and a member of the statewide Pennsylvania Bar Committee to revise criminal justice standards. Lewis is an eighth successive generation Lebanon County lawyer dating his legal lineage prior to the revolution when Lebanon was a part of Lancaster County.

Lewis has been a leader in numerous charitable and civic drives in his community. He has served on many community boards of directors including the Lebanon Valley Chamber of Commerce, Lebanon Community Library, American Red Cross, Salvation Army, Lebanon Community Theatre, Zion Lutheran Church, Lancaster Country Day School, and others. In 1964, he was nominated by the Jaycees for the Outstanding Young Men in America. He has also served as a member of the Republican County and Executive Committees since 1959.

Educated in the Lebanon public schools, Lewis graduated from the Choate School in Wallingford, Connecticut, in 1950. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Lehigh University in 1954, where he won the Dean's Service Award as the outstanding graduating senior, and was awarded a Bachelor of Laws degree from Dickinson Law School in 1957, where he served as president of the student body. Lewis is married to the former Sherry Heister Nye of Sinking Springs, Pennsylvania, and the father of three children, Alvin B., III, Judith and Robert. He is the son of Attorney and Mrs. Alvin B. Lewis of Palmyra.

Carol - for  
your files. A

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Former Lebanon County district attorney, Al Lewis, Jr., has accepted a top position in the congressional investigation of the Kennedy-King assassinations, it was announced today. "The position presents a tremendous challenge and opportunity to serve our country with the hope that we might solve the many mysteries that remain in these two murders," said Lewis. The former district attorney lost a close and vigorous election to Robert Walker last spring in the race for the Republican nomination to represent the sixteenth district of Pennsylvania in the United States Congress.

Lewis will serve as an assistant to Chief Counsel Richard A. Sprague of the "House Select Committee on Assassinations to reinvestigate the murders of President John F. Kennedy and Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr." Sprague is recognized as one of the outstanding criminal investigators and prosecutors in the nation having served as first assistant district attorney in Philadelphia for many years. Recently, he successfully concluded the prosecution of the Yablonski mine-worker murders in Southwestern Pennsylvania. "I regard Sprague as the finest criminal investigator in the country", said Lewis, "and it will be an honor to serve with him in this vitally important role." To avoid any conflict of interest, Lewis indicated that he has terminated his private law practice, and his former law firm, Lewis, Brubaker and Christianson, will handle his pending cases. He will begin work in Washington on December 6.

Lewis has a long and varied record in criminal investigation, prosecution and the improvement of criminal justice techniques. He

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While District Attorney, Lewis supervised the investigation and prosecution of some of the major and spectacular crimes in the history of Central Pennsylvania. Through his efforts in innovating new law enforcement and criminal justice investigative and administrative techniques, he reduced Lebanon County's crime rate to one of the lowest per capita in Pennsylvania. Lewis tried, personally, numerous major criminal cases, and administered the prosecution of a considerable number of trials by his office resulting in the best percentage conviction rate in the Commonwealth for several years.

CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

During his professional career, Lewis organized and directed many charitable and civic drives and organizations throughout Central Pennsylvania.



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Dear Dick -

Great seeing you again, today. The investigation is challenging & I would enjoy working with you again.

Three things occurred to me on the way home:

1.) You asked about the corruption issue we raised in the Congressional campaign - enclosed is a copy of press reprints which summarizes it.

2.) Although I have not talked with them, if you want to make a quick personal security check, feel free to call George Joseph (D.A. - Allentown), Roy Zimmerman (D.A. - Harrisburg) or Congressman Bud Shuster (Pa. - 9<sup>th</sup>).

3.) "Black Caucus"? - I have had strong black support each time I ran; also, could recommend a great black investigator who might be available.

look forward to hearing from you -  
very best regards,

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## 'Mr. Clean'

### Shapp Sidesteps Issues

"HOW IN the world can people in government crack down on crime in the streets if they refuse to crack down on crime in government office buildings?" asked former Lebanon County Dist. Atty. Alvin B. Lewis Jr. as he resigned from the Governor's Justice Commission earlier this month.

It is a good question. The figure is now about 50 persons associated with the Shapp Administration and the Legislature who have been indicted, convicted or charged with crimes recently. In that tally are three cabinet members, one already convicted.

The Governor's response to the problem has been threefold. He maintains, with no evidence to the contrary, that he is in no way involved with the wrongdoers. Like the late Gov. George H. Earle, he stays clean — and like Earle, his Administration could be permanently scarred in the history books.

The second pattern is one of normalcy. For all the indictments and all the uproar — and so soon after Watergate — the Administration keeps its self-control, its cool and a heads-up lack of anxiety. Folks just aren't upset. In fact, in the midst of it all, Atty. Gen. Robert Kane announced a State legal assistance program for officials, which has some merit but is incredibly ill-timed.

And, thirdly, the Governor attacks investigations as "politically inspired." Last week in Pittsburgh he said the Western Pennsylvania federal grand jury is being "used for political purposes," and that former U.S. Attorney and now Deputy U.S. Atty. Gen. Richard L. Thornburgh is interested only "in enhancing his own political future."

OF COURSE Thornburgh could be the next Republican candidate for governor and of course grand juries in the past deliberately or inadvertently served political interests. But the Governor does not seem to exaggerate in this case, and, furthermore, if fighting corruption is good politics, that's just great. Governors like George Leader didn't wait for others to step in when there was a Turnpike scandal.

The Lewis resignation is another case in point. Lewis is in a hard primary fight for the congressional seat for Lancaster, Lebanon and part of Chester counties. But it would be misreading his intentions to charge him with political motivations for quitting the Southcentral Regional Council of the Justice Commission.

LEWIS, A DA for eight years, past president of the Pennsylvania DA Association, a charter member of the Justice Regional Council and once its chairman, has a record too good on anti-corruption to have it smeared by politics. He wants action, but all he gets is frustration.

A federal strike force and an organized effort by county DAs is needed, said Lewis, to root out corruption in high places. Yet inaction is the policy — and maybe the politics. After all, the Administration is docile, the Governor's Justice Commission is headed by his appointed Attorney General. The State Police Commissioner, who would work with local DAs in any massive effort, is under indictment himself.

That is why it is foolish to cry "politics" at every alarm, because it is a charge that has a way of boomeranging.

Finally, a man who's got their attention. A tough... good man to fight corruption for all of us.



AL LEWIS  
Congressman

