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Dear Mr. Martin,

At the time of your stories on those released CIA documents we spoke about my making available certain Warren Commission executive session transcripts I've been trying to get for a year. I've forced the release of all but two complete ones and 10 pages of a third. I'm suing for them now. While it is anything but certain, there is again reason to believe the government may elect this course.

If the arrangements we discussed then are still satisfactory to you, as the enclosed letter to my lawyer shows, they suit me and I'm prepared to give whatever I may get away under conditions reporters themselves consider fair to all.

I'd appreciate it if you'd let me know in the event this comes to pass. All I want besides fairness to all is no official news management. Although the costs have been great, I have no plans for selling a story to recoup. I merely want the truth out. Having seen none of these pages I nonetheless believe I can make some pretty good guesses. If I am correct it will make legitimate news and the kind that some agencies will want to try to influence.

In matters of this nature there is a real problem for the most honest of reporters. They have to be expert on too much and can't be familiar with the most intimate details. They have to ask others. I want no more than that they have access to more than one expression.

I have obtained copies of those 1466 CIA pages. There is an enormous amount in them that the best reporters could neither know nor sense from those I've been able to read. I've filed a new FOIA request for a set without the masking or justification of the masking. Some of it was ludicrous except that it is so grim. But I'm sure there isn't a reporter in Washington who could fill in some of the more interesting names. I mean non-secret names. Like the guy who tried to provoke an attack on Cuba with a fabricated story of what never happened in the Cuban or any other Embassy. I've had the records, not from the CIA for a long time, without any masking and with only one set of papers having any classification at all.

I've found the pages I've read fascinating in what was not reported anywhere. When and as I can I'll carry this forward.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg