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*File - Oswald
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Re: Molina case
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*Detention +
Death of Oswald*

Dear Lee:

I am sending down to you herewith a copy of Chapter V which I completed reading on the way up on the plane yesterday. My comments are confined largely to the latter part of the Chapter as I think the details of the arrest, detention and death of Oswald are very well set out. As to the criticisms of the press and the police, I do not feel that they are too severe. On Page 69, I think the sentence, "The Commission deems such veiled threats to be absolutely without justification." is a little too obvious and so I would say "It does not require a finding by this Commission to adjudge such conduct outrageous and an abuse of any principles which properly attach to our concept of the Freedom of the Press." In the first full paragraph on Page 69, I think the second sentence is perhaps too broad. There may have been some networks or publications which did exercise some restraint and I have modified that statement accordingly.

You will note my comment on the Molina case which I have included on the first page. I have some questions as to whether a Report of this sort should take such a definite stand on the Molina case as we do. I am not conscious about ever having heard the facts of the case and I am inclined to think that though some reference might be made to his situation, it is a little out of place to give it as much prominence as we do in our Report. I also have a comment in regard to the failure to take any notes of the interrogation of Oswald. I do believe that this is referred to elsewhere in the Report but at least there ought to be a cross-reference in this Chapter.

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Sincerely,

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