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I had no opportunity in Washington to enter into any decision-making discussion on this matter. Joe Ball advises me that he was not consulted either, and this frankly shocks me; from my work with Joe Ball I can honestly say that I have never met a lawyer who has better insight on the practical effectiveness of presentation of argument combined with an ability to understand and judge the heart of the testimony of witnesses. I could cite many examples of this ranging from the beautiful way in which Joe Ball handled the employees watching from the fifth floor window to the correctness of Joe Ball's initial judgment about the witness Rowland.

Whether Joe Ball or I were consulted, however, is not the issue. Rather, the sole question is what is the most effective way of presenting our findings.

Joe Ball and I have thoroughly discussed the pros and cons of all of these matters. Our reasoning is too detailed to set forth in this letter. I would like to discuss this in detail with you in Washington on Friday.

2. Your heading of a proposed chapter entitled, "The Existence of a Conspiracy," is exactly opposite of what I believe a presentation of this type requires. The jury for whom we are publishing this report are the people of America and, perhaps even broader than that, the people of the world. I believe it would be far more preferable to entitle the chapter, "The Non-Existence of a Conspiracy."

3. I do not know all of the reasons behind the placement of the conspiracy chapter. At first glance, I believe that it should follow all of the facts of the case including the murder of Oswald and probably should follow the chapter on motive. Because I have not analyzed all of the arguments pro and con, I do not want to give an absolute opinion on the placement of this chapter except for the foregoing suggestion.

Sincerely yours,

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Reason here for the proposal decision is based on source of chpts in the DISTRICT in Brennan is testimony

or at least a chopping factor