

COVINGTON & BURLING

888 SIXTEENTH STREET, N. W.

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20006

TELEPHONE (202) 452-6000

WRITER'S DIRECT DIAL NUMBER

(202) 452-6498

NEWELL W. ELLISON
JOHN G. LAYLIN
H. THOMAS AUSTERN
FONTAINE C. BRADLEY
EDWARD BURLING, JR.
COUNSEL

JOHN SHERMAN COOPER
OF COUNSEL

TWX: 710 822-0005
TELEX: 89-593
CABLE: COVLING

HOWARD C. WESTWOOD
JOHN T. SAPIENZA
JAMES H. MCGLOTHLIN
ERNEST W. JENNES
STANLEY L. TEMKO
DON V. HARRIS, JR.
WILLIAM STANLEY, JR.
WEAVER W. DUNNAN
EDWIN H. ZIMMERMAN
JEROME ACKERMAN
HENRY P. SAILER
JOHN H. SCHAFER
ALFRED H. MOSES
JOHN LEMOYNE ELLICOTT
PAUL R. DUKE
PHILIP R. STANSBURY
CHARLES A. MILLER
RICHARD A. BRADY
ROBERT E. O'MALLEY
EUGENE I. LAMBERT
MARK A. WEISS
HARRIS WEINSTEIN
JOHN B. DENNISTON
PETER J. NICKLES
MICHAEL BOUDIN
BINGHAM B. LEVERICH
ALLAN J. TOPOL
VIRGINIA G. WATKIN
RICHARD D. COPAKEN
CHARLES LISTER
PETER D. TROBOFF
WESLEY S. WILLIAMS, JR.
DORIS D. BLAZEK
WILLIAM D. IVERSON
S. WILLIAM LIVINGSTON, JR.
JOHN M. VINE
JOHN T. SMITH II

CHARLES A. HORSKY
W. CROSBY ROPER, JR.
DANIEL M. GRIBBON
HARRY L. SHINDERMAN
EDWIN S. COHEN
JAMES C. MCKAY
JOHN W. DOUGLAS
HAMILTON CAROTHERS
J. RANDOLPH WILSON
ROBERTS B. OWEN
EDGAR F. CZARRA, JR.
WILLIAM H. ALLEN
DAVID B. ISBELL
JOHN B. JONES, JR.
H. EDWARD DUNKELBERGER, JR.
BRICE McADOO CLAGETT
JOHN S. KOCH
PETER BARTON HUTT
HERBERT DYM
JOHN VANDERSTAR
NEWMAN T. HALVORSON, JR.
HARVEY M. APPLEBAUM
MICHAEL S. HORNE
JONATHAN D. BLAKE
CHARLES E. DUFFON
ROBERT N. SAYLER
E. EDWARD BRUCE
DAVID M. BROWN
PAUL J. TAGLIABUE
ANDREW W. SINGER
DAVID H. HICKMAN
RUSSELL H. CARPENTER, JR.
NICHOLAS W. FELS
THEODORE L. GARRETT
DANA T. ACKERLY
COLEMAN S. HICKS
STUART C. STOCK

December 4, 1978

David W. Belin, Esq.
Belin, Harris, Helmick
& Lovrien
2000 Financial Center
Des Moines, Iowa 50309

Dear David:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I wrote to the Honorable John McCloy, but, as it was a letter of November 20, I have not received an answer from him. His wife has been very ill and I do not know when and if I will hear from him.

Unless he has some suggestions, I would think it would be perfectly proper on your part to write to a number of publishers of paperback books, calling attention to the fact that the Warren Commission's inquiry has caused a new interest because of the facts which came from the Senate Investigations Committee regarding the FBI and CIA and the current investigation conducted by the House Committee. While the House Committee investigation is still going forward, every indication is that it will reach the same result as the Warren Commission. In fact, members have already made such public statements.

I do not know any publishing companies or I would write them myself. If you write such companies and want me to follow up with a letter as a former member of the Commission, I will be happy to do so.

David W. Belin, Esq.
December 4, 1978
Page Two

With best wishes for the Holidays and 1979,

Yours sincerely,

John Sherman Cooper

hb ·
Enclosure