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Dear Ms. Oliver:

I have been doing some work on the Warren Commission basically by reviewing the Commission's executive sessions.

I have what I believe to be all the executive sessions that were released into the public domain. However, I have been puzzled by the fact that I have no sessions for the months of July and August and only one, the September 18, the last session, for that month. I am somewhat mystified because the absence of sessions for the summer and early September came at a time when the Commission's final report was being drafted.

I suppose a first-glance explanation would be that the Commissioners were enjoying their vacations during this time. Still that means that this executive body was not in session from June 4th until several weeks after Labor Day when, once again, the Warren Commission Report was being drafted. If I am correct, it means that the Commission staff possibly under the solo guidance of Chief Counsel Rankin was doing all the heavy lifting.

I thought I had better write just to confirm this observation. I would be most appreciative if you could find the staff time to simply send me the dates of the Commission's executive session that are housed at the Archives.

I also want to thank you for all of your prompt responses to my previous communications. I have a book just coming out on Dr. King and the FBI and after working with the Bureau's FOIA section for the past 10 years I am delighted with the turnaround time I have experienced with the College Park archives.

Thank you again and have a wonderful Xmas,

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