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Dear Mr. Graham:

I am writing to you because I read your analyses of legal matters whenever they appear in the New York Times, and I thought that you might want this information in case the matter comes up again.

In your article in the Sunday Times regarding Dr. Lattimer's examination of the Kennedy photographs and X-rays, you say that there were only two inquiries with respect to these photos and X-rays during the five year period. This is in error.

When I first came to Congress (89th Congress, early in 1966 after a special election in the 17th Congressional District), I introduced a resolution for a further investigation of the Warren Commission Report. I did not say they were wrong, merely that they had not done a thorough job. There was ample precedent for this further investigation, including but not limited to, the Pearl Harbor situation.

Thereafter, I tried to have Coroner Cyril Wecht, who shared my approach, and Milton Helpern of New York as observers on the examination of the photographs and X-rays. I started with the President, got turned down by General Services Administrator Lawson Knott, Jr., and also was turned down by Burke Marshall.

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I do not have my material on this because I turned all of my files over to Syracuse University when I left Congress. However, Josiah Thompson in his book "Six Seconds in Dallas" at Appendix E has a good deal of this material. In addition to his book, the best book on the overall subject of the Warren Commission is by Sylvia Meagher entitled "Accessories after the Fact".

While I do not dispute Dr. Lattimer's findings, I am very skeptical about the results found by someone who has no previous background on the subject, and until Dr. Wecht has had an opportunity to see the material, I shall remain skeptical.

Sincerely yours,

Theodore R. Kupferman