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Dear Marlene,

*Behrends*

I would like to reiterate in writing what I told you on the telephone this morning--the instant that I am informed of the existence of a report by the CIA suggesting a link between Ruby and anti-Castro groups and listing the Dallas Police as an organization linked to Ruby and interested in assassinating the President, and the exhibit number of that CIA report, I will make a public correction and apology for my original assumption.

If there is no such CIA report but only the report to the CIA contained in CE 2980, I can only hope that you will be willing to acknowledge that my original assumption was logical, correct, and friendly.

I have always been deeply distressed by the spectacle of critics of the Warren Report attacking each other instead of the Report and I do not want to be forced into such a position. Much as I want to avoid it, I can't pay the price of accepting blame where I honestly feel that I was not at fault.

Let's both suspend judgment until the facts are determined. If there is a report by the CIA, you will have my immediate retraction and apology. My assumption was based in part on the fact that I have scrutinized the exhibits very carefully and repeatedly and had no recollection of seeing a report of that nature. I may well have overlooked it; I certainly do not regard myself as infallible. Meanwhile, let's not feud--we have too much important work to do, and the work is the only important thing.

Sincerely,