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Dear Susan,

Thank you for your note of the 17th. I am sorry we could not make contact on the phone today; hence, this note.

I did receive the copy of Senator Schweiker's preface and it really gave me a glow of pleasure. I sent him a note to thank him for his very generous remarks about my work.

I have not yet received a copy of Peter Dale Scott's introduction to the paperback edition. Do you have it yet? If so, please send me a xerox copy.

Incidentally, I have not yet received a contract. You mentioned some time ago that it had gone lost in the mail but would be forthcoming. When is it likely to reach me?


About the revised copy of my foreword: There is one important change to be made, in the penultimate paragraph on page 6. That paragraph should read as follows:

From all this evidence one must ask if the post-mortem procedure was conducted by competent examiners and if the official autopsy report is not a thoroughly tainted document.

One thing does concern me very much. I notice that you have crossed out the heading "1975 Foreword by the author" and inserted simply the word "Foreword". I hope that this does not imply the omission from the paperback edition of my original foreword, which is an integral part of the book and must be retained. Obviously we cannot have two different sections, each titled "Foreword". I therefore suggest, on the assumption that both texts will appear in the paperback, that we retitle the 1975 foreword "Author's Note" or some such phrase. Please call me and confirm that I am correct in assuming that the original foreword in the hard-back edition will be retained in the paperback, as I am feeling very anxious about that.

Incidentally, the interview I gave to People Magazine last Thursday should be reflected in the issue that comes out on Monday the 3rd of November. Keep your fingers crossed! I hope that it will be helpful to the book.

Yours hastily,


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