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My dear Mr. Thompson,

Mr. Ritchie Calder has kindly suggested that I should write to you and seek your advice. I am acquainted with Mr. Calder through his occasional visits to the World Health Organization office at United Nations in New York, where I am serving.

For a year I have been absorbed in study of the Oswald case. After the Warren Commission issued its long-awaited report, but before the twenty-six volumes of Hearings and Exhibits became available, I wrote the enclosed analysis of the Commission's findings. Almost immediately, the Hearings were published and this article of course must be scrapped.

I have begun a painstaking study of the testimony and evidence contained in the Hearings. Although it has been possible to read only a very few of these volumes since they were issued a week ago, it is perfectly clear that the information does not eliminate the inconsistencies, contradictions, and omission which characterized the report. On the contrary, the raw data suggests that the basic conclusions of the Warren Commission are not satisfactorily supported by testimony or evidence. The examination of witnesses is often shockingly inadequate and betrays a clear disposition toward a specific theory and not the impartial relentless search for facts which one expected. But worst of all is the fact that in two instances at least, the Warren Commission has made statements in its report which are in conflict with unambiguous statements in the testimony of witnesses, with respect to medical findings and other crucial items of evidence. I have found it impossible to avoid the strong suspicion that the Warren Commission has knowingly issued a report which is fraudulent, and that there is compelling reason to question its conclusions and the thesis of Oswald's sole guilt.

Consequently, I intend to revise the enclosed essay and to expand it to book length, after I have completed a thorough reading of the Hearings and Exhibits. I do not intend to put forward wild theories or speculations but to demonstrate, in terms of the Warren Commission's own presentation of the case, that it is untenable.

It seems unlikely that I will be able to complete a first draft of the book before six or nine months, at least. One problem which arises in connexion with publication is the fact that I am an official of an international governmental organization and might jeopardize my job if I published under my own name. The greater problem, however, is the unwillingness of publishing houses in the United States--and, in fact, of established institutions and eminent persons in general--to entertain or to present any challenge to the official thesis of Oswald's guilt and any question about the integrity and impartiality of the Warren Commission. I doubt if that attitude would change even if the case against the Warren Commission was sober and irrefutable.

I should be most grateful if you would indicate your appraisal of the possibilities of securing a European publisher for a book of this nature and also whether you would be in a position to act as author's agent.

With thanks for any suggestions you may be able to offer, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

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