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Dear Mrs. Herman,

As we discussed on the telephone, I am sending you the now-outdated analysis of the Warren Report which was written before the release of the Hearings and Exhibits, together with an abstract of that article.

I have put together rather hastily an outline of the contents of the book-length expansion of that article which I plan to write and enclose that also. Even as I was typing that outline, I realized that Part IV should precede Part III, and perhaps you will be good enough to reverse the order mentally, as I do not wish to delay by retyping.

As I said on the phone, I intend to do a sober and painstaking examination of the Hearings and Exhibits in order to determine the degree to which the raw data made available by the Commission support and justify its findings. The study which has been possible thus far convinces me that the findings cannot be taken at face value and that the integrity and impartiality of the authors is compromised. I believe that I can support that charge with irrefutable examples derived exclusively from the Commission's own documentation.

In order to meet a high standard of responsibility and authority --without which any attack on the Warren Report will be valueless and even harmful--I intend to give as much time as necessary to researching and then writing up this case. I doubt if I can have a first draft ready in less than six to nine months, at the very least. One publisher and one literary agent, as well as a New York newspaper, have indicated some interest in my research but I have made no commitments as yet.

I should add that I would need to publish under an assumed name, for professional reasons, and that even at this stage I should prefer not to be identified if possible. It was very kind of Joan Bush to put me in touch with you and I shall look forward to hearing from you whenever you

feel ready. Frankly, I don't feel any sense of urgency at all, because I am concentrating on this enormous reading job--52 pounds of fine print --and I want to satisfy myself fully that my earlier appraisal of the Warren Report is completely vindicated before thinking very much about publishing. I am sure there will be a spate of books soon attacking the Warren Report, since some of the well-known dissidents are already said to be at work. Personally, I don't want to be "first" but I do want to produce an irreproachable case which is methodical, comprehensive, and as irresistible as possible.

With thanks for your interest and any suggestions you may have,

Yours sincerely,

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