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My dear Professor Trevor-Roper,

The New York Times of this morning2reports your "heresy" with regard to the report of the Warren Commission. I share your views completely and am delighted that you have expressed your opinion publicly. After the Warren Report was issued on September 27th, I wrote a 15,000-word critical analysis of its defects. It was not possible to achieve publication of that analysis in any American magazine to which it was submitted, including publications on the left. Perhaps you will be interested in the enclosed abstract of that article, which I am glad to send you.

After this article was rejected, the Warren Commission finally issued the 26 volumes of Hearings and Exhibits on which it purported to base its report and conclusions. As you say, the Warren Report was too long to be read or read carefully by the public in general. That is all the more true of the 52 pounds of fine print which the Hearings and Exhibits constitute, with the additional discouragement of the price (\$76.00). Nevertheless, I have obtained the 26 volumes of Hearings and have been reading them with great care.

My initial critique is, of course, no longer valid. All the criticisms and questions which I reaised, with one exception, remain unanswered but—more important—even before reading very far in the Hearings, new and shocking indications have leaped from the pages which confirm that the Warren Report is a fraud. Consequently, I intend to revise and expand the critical analysis to book length and to seek a publisher, perhaps abroad.

The new and shocking items include the misrepresentation of the opinions of doctors at Parkland Hospital regarding the wounds sustained by the Governor; the misrepresentation of the finding of a jacket near the scene of the murder of the policeman; and the disregard by the Warren Commission of indications of falsification of evidence against Oswald by the police authorities, of perjury by senior police officials, and all evidence or testimony inconsistent with the official theory.

I take the liberty of writing this letter only to indicate my gratitude for your uncompromising public statement on the Warren Report and for the "heresy" which my countrymen, with pitifully few exceptions, have lacked the courage to entertain or declare. If it would serve any useful purpose, I should be happy to indicate in greater detail the startling and sinister factors which I have thus far found in the Hearings.

Respectfully yours,

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