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Mr. Eugene Gervasi
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Dear Mr. Gervasi:

Thank you for letting me see that material of yours on the F. B. I. reports on President Kennedy's autopsy, as well as the Hudkins material.

It seems to me that these F. B. I. documents are consistent with the F. B. I. summary reports which followed them, in giving the same picture of the autopsy surgeons not finding a point of exit during the autopsy for the bullet that penetrated the President's back. The autopsy report includes the telephone conversation Nov. 23 with Dr. Malcolm Perry, after which it winds up with the view that the bullet came out the neck. So the issue seems to me just where it was before--Epstein resting on F. B. I. statements, and the F. B. I. statements allegedly resting on the situation as it was during the autopsy surgery but before the autopsy report was completed.

We had not gotten into the Hudkins dispute, which seems to be tangential to the main issue of how the President was killed. As to the location of the photographs and X-rays of the President's body, this material says this data went to the Secret Service. We used a story on Jacob Cohen's article in The Nation, and this is what Cohen also said, going on thereafter to assert the documents "are not in the National Archives" at present.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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