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Dear Mr. Crehan:

Please accept our apologies for the delay in answering your letter about our July 8 review of Inquest.

The fact that the FBI no longer concurs with its original "no-exit" statement is information available to anyone who cares to check with bureau officials. This is what our own reporters did and what Epstein himself could have done. The New York Times report you refer to is, we assume, "Warren Report on Assassination Challenged Again", published in the June 5 issue. But the statement you quote is misleading when taken out of context. According to the story, the bureau declined comment on the books which used their reports rather on the reports themselves. And finally, TIME's article (December 27, 1963) was based on "unofficial" reports, a fact which was clearly indicated in the story.

Cordially yours,


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