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Dear Mary,

It was really disappointing that we could not meet or even have a phone call on your way home from Germany. I do hope you are now completely recovered and have caught up with developments here — namely, the Lattimer "examination" of the autopsy photos and X-rays. What a scandal, to make that evidence available to a urologist-apologist, as I call Lattimer, while giving Cyril Wecht the old run-around. Yet, Mary, as in the case of the withheld spectrographic findings, it is a further confirmation (if we even need it!) that we critics are right and that the Government knows damn well that it cannot sustain review of this evidence by any competent, objective, or sceptical eyes.

If you do not have the press clips and related material on Lattimer/Wecht, let me know and I will try to get copies sent to you.

Our dear colleague Harold Weisberg has taken a very incoherent, hostile, and angry view of Wecht's request to Burke Marshall last summer to see the photos and X-rays as soon as the five-year moratorium expired. HW wrote a number of very abusive, offensive letters to Wecht — issued warnings to him, and to me and others that it could lead to "disaster" — but interminably refused to

Specify or explain where the danger lay! (He seems to have suggested to others that it would be harmful to Ted K. and/or be helpful to J. Edgar H. What ever became of that Cardinal principle, let justice be done though the Heavens fall?) Those who have seen H.W. recently or otherwise been in touch with him (I have not) are rather alarmed by his increasing inflexibility, obsessiveness, and general deterioration.

The Lattimer story brought me phonecalls from all over, including one from Fred Newcomb, and of course Keifton got on the phone to Wecht (who brushed him off) and I suppose to anyone else still willing to speak to him.

I finally have a bit of a break from one of the longest periods of high work-load and unceasing pressure at the office. No meetings for a while!

I must say that what I did over the last few months has been very generously appreciated in letters from over HOs, but I am glad to be on a more sane schedule at last.

Please do write when you can and tell me all your news and what you hear about the case. (Dear Penn Jones has been very active — judging from the Mid. Mirror — do you ever see him?)

Much love,