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Dear Mrs. Hartmann,

Your interesting letter of the 9th has been forwarded to me by Scarecrow Press, and I thank you very much for writing and for enclosing the "key" to the Sawyer Exhibits. When I got the Hearings and Exhibits in November 1964, it soon became clear that there were major discrepancies in the radio logs, not just the scrambling of channels in the Sawyer Exhibits but differences and omissions in one or another of the three transcripts (the others being CE 705 and CE 1974). It is helpful to have the two channels disentangled from each other in the Sawyer Exhibits, thanks to your friend.

Since you share my disgust with "The Scavengers," you will not be surprised to know that the quote attributed to Epstein is an outright fabrication and that it has now turned up in a new and escalated version, no less false and cynical, in Weaver's biography of Earl Warren. This is not to say that I am not interested in UFOs. I have been intrigued by the phenomenon since 1947, but in recent years more interested and concerned about government policy--a clear policy of deceit and contempt for the rights and intelligence of the public--than with the nature and origin of the UFOs. I have never done any serious or sustained work in the field but have had the opportunity to meet Professor Bynek and some of the NICAP people on a number of occasions, and have followed developments from the sidelines. Like you, I have been struck by the many points of analogy with the government's "investigation" of the assassination.

As to appearing on your radio station: it is difficult for me to leave New York, where I have a full-time job unconnected with my work on the Warren Report. I have done some interviews on a Los Angeles radio station, via telephone, but I imagine that a local station does not have facilities for this. Although it would be impossible for me to travel away from New York just now, I will give you my home number just the same--212 Chelsea 2-4293. My office number would not be of much service, as I am often away from my desk, or unable to have a long personal phonecall.

I greatly regret the unavailability of the Subject Index, for which I still receive occasional requests. I usually suggest xeroxing a library copy, if one can be located locally, perhaps at a university. If you should do that, please let me know and I will send you an errata sheet.

One thing I should like you to know, since you mention that Garrison is to appear on your radio program. You will know when you read my book--or even from the title of the book--that I consider the Warren Report an outright fraud. I have exactly the same opinion of Garrison.

Again, sincere thanks for your thoughtful and interesting letter.

Yours faithfully,

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