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Dear Paul,

I did a first quick run-through of the Finck transcript last night and found that pages 94 and 147 were partly illegible. I will be grateful if you would send replacements.

My general impression is that despite some obvious inexperience on Oser's part and his failure at times to exploit the contradictions and the shocking discrepancies to the maximum, he did elicit extremely damaging statements and gave Finck probably one of the roughest days of his life. I loved his attempt to wriggle out of his affirmative answer, on page 56 line 23, by suggesting that he had said "I didn't" and that the reporter had written it as "I did." That would have made his original response, "Yes, I didn't," as Oser might have pointed out.

I also regretted Oser's failure to get more mileage out of the right-to-left arrow at the head wound on the notorious face sheet, since that was one of my few personal discoveries in the medical and autopsy area. But at least he did raise it, and the transcript can be cited on that point.

Subject to a more careful second reading, I would think that more could have been made of the preposterous claim by Finck that a wound that was at or slightly above the external occipital protuberance visually and by photo could appear, on X-Ray, to be 4 inches higher.

Again, I am very grateful for your kindness in providing me with the Finck and Frazier transcripts and may write again when I have found time to read the Frazier testimony. Warm regards,

Sincerely yours,

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