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Dear Paul,

I am sorry that I did not write earlier to acknowledge receipt of the microfilm, which did arrive safely. Unfortunately, I had to make two urgent trips to Miami, because of my father's illness in hospital there. This came at a very busy time and I am still laboring to catch up with the work that accumulated in the office during my absences. However, I will try to get to the microfilm viewer at the first opportunity, once I have caught up with the various tasks that cannot be put off.

On my return from Miami earlier this week, I found a batch of reviews from various parts of the country. Most of them were favorable, even lavish, in commenting on Accessories. A few were very disparaging and denunciatory, e.g., Bickel and Sparrow. That was to be expected.

As I do not have your recent letters at hand, I am not certain whether you commented on Garrison. I seem to recall that you looked on him with some reservations but were generally favorable; but my recollection may be incorrect. I have been astonished at the way in which some of the critics condoned his irresponsible and dishonest pronouncements, and I wonder what they have to say about his latest ploys. He has left the Warren Commission far behind in brazenness. Imagine proclaiming that Oswald warned the FBI on 11/17/63 that an assassination attempt would be made, but withholding entirely any kind of evidence or substantiation! I am increasingly fearful that the ultimate result of his demagoguery will be to cast discredit on any and all criticism of the Warren Report.

The article in the current Ramparts only increases my apprehension. Seldom has there been such a string of blatant and irrelevant speculations paraded as supposedly constituting some kind of "evidence". I am dismayed that some dissenters from the WR utilize nothing better than the Commission's own shameful methods, to fight the Commission.

Again, my thanks for the microfilm, and my best wishes at this holiday season,

Sincerely yours,