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Dear Sylvia,

Thank you for your letter of June 2, and the comments on my manuscript. I am pleased that your overall reaction is positive, and I will keep your comments in mind as I write the later sections. I think there will be more information that is new to you as well as to those who are less well-informed.

The ambiguity of my conclusions is a problem that has concerned me. I know that I can't compete with the speculations of the people who seem to be most active these days (and I don't want to). If your reaction was that my conclusions were more tentative than was required by the ambiguity of the evidence, I would like to make the appropriate adjustments. Perhaps you would rather wait to see how the remaining sections of the manuscript come out.

One specific problem ~~which~~ which I wondered how you would react to was my treatment of the actions of the Commission personnel. I now feel that I understand the positions of individual staff members fairly well, and I have tried to document my understanding. That will almost inevitably mean that I will appear to be excusing their actions, which I do not want to do. There is no way that someone like Stern can avoid the responsibility for not doing a thorough job (or resigning in protest), but I think it is important to understand how a coverup works without the conscious involvement of everyone in sight. If you did feel that I was too easy on (say) Stern, your specific comments would be useful to me.

I will correct the reference on page 6.21 to your work on the FBI claim that Oswald asked to speak to the FBI. You are right in concluding that the records and actions of the N.O. police do not support the FBI ~~xxx~~ story, although they do not contradict it directly.

In your letter of May 15, you mentioned having read about some archeological work ~~by~~ by Luis Alvarez. This was probably about the "pyramid project," which he has been working on for some years. His idea was to look for an unknown burial chamber in one of the ~~g~~ Great Pyramids by putting a cosmic-ray detector in a small central chamber and "X-raying" the pyramid. This was a rather simple idea, after he thought of it, but a clever experiment - nobody had suggested it before. Everything worked well - I recall seeing some computer "pictures" which clearly showed the edges of the pyramid - but apparently there was no hidden burial chamber.

Some of the recent Watergate developments have rekindled my suspicions of Jaworski. When he was appointed I put together the material I had on him, which proved that at the least he knows how to go along with a coverup. I wasn't able to get anyone interested in that at the ~~xxx~~ time, and I pretty much forgot about it. Now we have the resignations over the ITT/Kleindienst problem, and the deal with Colson which looks suspiciously "soft" so far - that is, they dropped all the charges before finding out what his testimony would be. ~~Also~~ I guess the milk fund is the area to keep alert on, since it has been reported that Connally got ~~Jaworski~~ Jaworski the Special Prosecutor's job. We will see what happens.

Thanks again for your comments; I hope I will have the next sections of the manuscript done within a reasonable amount of time, and I will be in touch with you again.

Sincerely,

*Paul*  
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