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Dear Paul,

Enclosed is an index to Volume IX, Organized Crime. It took one month of solid work to prepare it and I hope that I never have to do anything like this again. I have been in touch with Gary Owens, who is now indexing Vol. I of the Hearings. Between the two of us, we will complete the other four Hearings volumes and Vol. VIII (Acoustics), which I have not yet received. Gary will then undertake a consolidation of the individual indexes—using new mechanical equipment available to him at his University, or if need be using teams of students to do the consolidation manually—so as to produce a master index, by subject and by name, much like my Subject Index to the WR and the H&E. I will then look for a publisher—perhaps Scarecrow Press or a house like it, or a university press. Gary and I discussed the possibility of including in this project indexes for the Martin Luther King volumes but, on balance, and in view of the utter lack of interest in the MLK case and the time such indexing would consume, I am inclined to limit the project to the JFK volumes only. I am describing this in detail because I would like to have your opinion, and Peter's, before taking a final decision. Incidentally, if I can find a publisher, I would include the indexes to the individual volumes as well as the master subject-and-name index—in that respect, it would differ from my Subject Index to the WR etc.

Thank you for your letter of the 4th, which has just arrived. Please do let me know when your ms. is accepted. I will keep my fingers crossed. If my comments on the ms. were useful, I am glad. I thought the chapter on military intelligence was quite good; ditto, the last part of Chapter 8.

About the Justice Department documents: Roger Feinman has sent in an order for a large number of documents, selected by himself and by me. Roger, Jerry and I will share the costs. We will send you one set of the documents for you to ~~indicate~~ ~~zerex~~ those which interest you (no charge).

I have no other news, so I will put this in the mail and look forward to your next letter.

Best, as always,