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Dear Mr Jones,

I am speechless after reading your three articles on the Warren Report. I didn't think there was a newspaper in the country that still knew how to call a spade. That you had dug up the business of Hank Killam, an exclusive so far as I know, I knew in advance. But I did not realize that you were taking such a determined and fearless editorial stand, and that delights me even more. I must tell you, at the risk of the sentimentality which I usually shun, that reading your editorials this evening gave me a moment of the kind of pride and optimism about the people of this country that I have not entertained for a hell of a long long time. Incidentally, there are more than two or three who are interested, and interested full-time, in the travesty of justice --at least four fine people in Los Angeles, two in Philadelphia, and at least fourteen in the New York area--all of whom I keep in touch with, as much as time permits.

I can see from your three articles that you are really researching this shameful and dirty business, and that the treasures in the Hearings and Exhibits have not escaped your eye. Don't you feel repeated shock and outrage at the solemn hypocrisy with which the Warren Report repeatedly perverts and misrepresents what a witness actually said? I am sending you under separate cover a couple of excerpts from my manuscript, one dealing with the Seth Kantor business, and the other with the suicide of Betty Mooney MacDonald, to read and return. Please feel free to use any of the material in your future articles, and if you would like to see any other sections of my ms please let me know and I will be glad to send them on loan. I have a good section on Tippit, which I think makes hash of the official explanation of his presence on 10th Street. At the rate at which I am managing to work on this book, I think it will be 1973 before it is finished--but if someone else can use the information that I've written up so far, all the better and all the sooner.

Please don't think me presumptuous for writing as though we were already old friends, but anyone who approaches his journalism on the pillars of Voltaire and Jefferson has to expect this from the parched and weary readers of pap, whether in the New York Times or the fiction of the Warren Commission. Best thanks and all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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