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Dear Ted,

Thank you for sending me a copy of your letter of June 28th to Bob Ockens. What a way to spend the 4th of July! But maybe it is a good way, on second thought, to measure the high aspirations of the Declaration against the reality of Government (or part of it) nearly 200 years later.

I felt very complimented to be called a computer, although I have the impression that Ockens winced—he will be in touch with you. I was even more grateful to be called "this girl." Many years away from girlhood, I fear. Since you have already been so generous, I am going to ask still another favor of you. I am left without a set of galleys and without the master copy of the manuscript, so I do not really have the up-to-date text of my book. Do you think that you could let me have your set of galleys after you are quite finished with it? It would be a great help. They could be sent by mail to my home address, or if it is more convenient, your New York office could sent the galleys by messenger at my expense. (I am at home for the month of July, except perhaps for a few days now and then.)

You must have watched the CBS News Inquiry last week, or part of it. I have done a review (need I say, negative) that will be published in The Minority of One in September. I wonder if you also saw the more extensive excerpts from the interview with John J. McCloy, televised yesterday on CBS at 12:30 p.m. If not, let me mention that there was a discussion of the autopsy photographs and X-rays, in which Walter Kronkite asked if there had not been some suggestion that an independent medical examiner should view them.

McCloy replied that he believed that there had been some such suggestion, after the Warren Report was published, and that he felt sure that proper arrangements could be made for such an independent examination. He then hastened to add that the rules had not been made by the Commission, they had been made by the National Archives, by the Government.

Perhaps you should send McCloy the press release with the copies of your exchanges of letters with Burke Marshall and others. Maybe McCloy will offer to support your efforts to obtain permission for Helpern and Wecht to see the photographs and X-rays? Wecht called me after the CBS series, by the way, quite incensed at the many distortions in the presentation of the autopsy and medical findings. Although CBS did call (feebly) for the declassification of the autopsy photographs, the weight of the program seemed to be behind the self-exoneration by Captain Humes.

It was good to see you at the Trusteeship Council the other week. I do hope that reading the galley proofs was not too much of a chore and that you had an enjoyable weekend in spite of them.

Warm regards,

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