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Rep. Theodore R. Kupferman  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ted,

Thank you very much for sending me the set of galleys. It is a great help to have them available. Thanks also for sending me a copy of your July 11th letter to Bob Oekene.

In your comments on Page 168A, you raise the question of Burke Marshall's reply to your request for access to the autopsy photographs and X-rays. Your press release with its attachments, releasing your statement of April 13, 1967, came too late for insertion in the body of the manuscript. However, I did insert a detailed footnote (it is included in the set of galleys you read as a typewritten attachment to page 73A) summarizing the position as of April 13th. Perhaps you overlooked it because it was folded and the typescript did not show. However, please be assured that I did include a detailed account of the restrictions placed on the photos and X-rays, even quoting from the Archivist's letter to you.

I am very sorry that you consider my remarks about Congressman Ford to be unfair. I had no wish and no intention of being unfair to the Commission or any of its members but stated only my honest opinion. Perhaps the basis for my remarks about Congressman Ford would become more clear if you read the enclosed copies of my exchange of letters with him in the summer of 1965. I did not single out any one member of the Commission, but elsewhere in the book have called attention several times to the unwillingness of the Commission and/or its members or staff as individuals to provide clarifications requested legitimately and responsibly. But the fact remains that Ford is the only Commission member thus far who published an article and a book based on his inside knowledge, and this seems to me to require comment.

If I have inadvertently been unfair in my references to Ford, as you suggest, I would be ready to reconsider the remarks to which you object. Perhaps we could discuss this after you have read the enclosed letters? You must know that I have great respect for your judgment and your efforts to achieve a reexamination of the Warren Report, and I will certainly consider your opinion on this or any other issue raised in the book with the greatest care and thought.

Sincerely yours,

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