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M. Philippe Labro  
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Dear M. Labro,

My good friend Penn Jones sent me a copy of your letter of January 19, 1966 in which you asked about the death of William Whaley and other deaths which have occurred during the last two years. Penn did not send a covering note, but since I have acquired the habit of "detection" (even where there are no mysteries) I inferred that he wanted me to send you my list, to supplement his own.

Frankly, I might not have realized that that is what Penn intended were it not for the coincidence that only this morning, while listening to an endless and stupefying speech at the UN, I occupied myself by constructing the list of fatalities from memory--an exercise that ran almost as long as the offensively dull speech. So here is my list. You will see a total of sixteen deaths; even if the three or four dubious cases are deleted (dubious in the sense that their connection with the Oswald affair is extremely remote), the death rate is still quite alarming.

You will have guessed by now that I am a student of the Warren Report and, like Penn, consider that it insults my nose as well as my intelligence. In short, I believe no part of it.

I hope that you can persuade your editors that this whole sordid and appalling affair deserves a whole new enquiry and that they will send you over to work on it. If you do come to New York, I hope that you will look me up and let me introduce you to some of the other people in this city who have refused to be hypnotized or tranquillized into believing a spurious and shameful document, despite its facade of unimpeachability--there are only a very few, I am sorry to say, but they are doing good work.

We need all the help we can get.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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