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Dear Mr Manchester,

I have just reencountered the story that appeared in the New York Times on Sunday 9 May 1965, and it occurs to me that I should inform you of a fact that may be of interest or use to you. As a student of the assassination of the President, I experienced considerable frustration and loss of time in using the twenty-six volumes of Hearings and Exhibits. It seemed to me essential to any grasp of this complicated, profuse, and unorganized body of information to have a tool by which to identify all the relevant testimony and documents on any specific aspect of the investigation. This led me to compile a subject index of something more than 400 classifications, a labor to which I have devoted some six months.

I take the liberty of enclosing herewith a list of the contents of the index, which encompasses but extends considerably beyond the citations provided in the Warren Report, in those cases where the subject is comparable, and includes numerous items not treated in the Report.

If it proves possible to publish this index, in which a number of commercial and academic houses have expressed some interest, it will still take some time to make it available. It occurs to me that your own work might be facilitated if you had access to the index. If I am correct, I hope that you will let me know; I will be glad to cooperate if possible by placing the index at your disposal, pending publication if that possibility materializes.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

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