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Dear Mr Carroll,

Thank you very much for your letter of 10 September and your helpful suggestions. I had already written to the American Historical Association and am awaiting a reply.

I wonder if I could ask you, or the editor to whom you referred, to elaborate on the suggestion that the project is suitable for computer processing. I am unable to grasp just how a computer could be utilized. Perhaps my first letter was lacking in clarity; I should mention that the subject index is already completed—by hand, so to speak, and after six months of labor during which I often feared that I was turning into a robot, or wished that I would.

The reason why I undertook the compilation of the subject index is that I had started a comparative study, identifying conflicts and discrepancies between the contents of the Report and those of the Hearings and Exhibits. I have written about 75,000 words of that manuscript, which I hope to complete by the end of 1966. I found that it was impossible to master the immense and unorganized data in the Hearings without an instrument such as a subject index. The index is therefore a sort of by-product of the primary project, the comparative analysis.

Again, I thank you very much for your valuable comments.

Yours sincerely,

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