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Dear Ray,

Thank you so much for your patience, work, and pertinacity. The article in Minority of One is being published in two parts. The first part has nothing to so with 292. There is still time for changes. I suggest 292 in the most tentative fashion never saying that I have proven a damned thing.

There is still time to revise the last half if I see fit. As of this point(I just received your stuff an hour ago) I have not yet been persuaded of your point of view. I am going to turn it over to an investigator for examination. He is very objective is working most seriously on the case. If he feels you have something, and I have nothing, I will reject 292, although I personally feel that the evidence leans in the direction of 292. He has seen the Zapruder motion pictures at the Archives.

If he feels we are in about a tie on the evidence, then I would like to offer both as tentative hypotheses giving full credit to you for the 237 theory.

If he feels you have the better of it, I would like to offer 237 as your hypothesis in the articel and delete 292.

If he feels you don't have anything which he can see, then I feel I am justified in not mentioning your work.

Ray, do you give me permission to use your study as your work in the article?

Now, which ever way it goes, I don't feel you or I are staking our reputations on a suggestion of a hypothesis when no great claims are made for it. I don't claim that 292 is a scientific conclusion. I state in the articel categorically that it is not. I don't think you are saying 237 is definitely proven. Now, invitations to investigate new and more plausible explanations of the Connally hit are not going to be ruinous to us or the investigation. I think that my article will further demolish the government double-hit theory. If debate is undertaken on 237, 292, or the double-hit theory; certainly although neither of the first two theories can be proven at this time, the double-hit theory can indeed be demolished.

Please don't get upset about the possibility that I will offer a suggestion which will not be proven accurate. I believe 292 deserves an airing. YOu haven't eliminated it from my consideration. Neither you or I have been able to demolish our respective points of view in our own eyes. I will be most happy to be convinced by your point of view, because of the Warren Commission findings would be destroyed thereby. When and if you knock me down, I will love you for it.

Ray, let me know whether you give me permission to let me use your stuff if the "objective observer" decides in your favor. Naturally, Iwould clear anything attributed to you with you before using it.

Tell me how much the material cost so that I can mail you a check.