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Dear Sir,

In 1966 Scarecrow Press published my Subject Index to the Warren Report and the Hearings and Exhibits. Peter Dale Scott, in the 1976 Random House edition of my book Accessories After the Fact (originally published in 1967 by Bobbs Merrill) said in his introduction that the "Subject Index may someday be remembered as the only index to have altered the history of U.S. politics." You may be interested to know also that David R. Wrene in his Annotated Bibliography on the assassination of John Fitzgerald Kennedy said that the Subject Index was "absolutely indispensable". Indeed, copies are still being sold, thirteen years after the original edition, by University Microfilms, in xerographic form.

In July of this year, the House Select Committee on Assassinations issued a Report and some fifteen volumes of testimony and reports on the assassination of President Kennedy. Neither the Report nor the supporting volumes include an index in any form. I have therefore undertaken a project, with assistance from Gary Owens of Huron College, London, Ontario, to compile:

- (1) An index to the Report and to each of the supporting volumes
- (2) A subject master-index giving citations for the entire series of volumes, subject by subject (using as a model the 1966 Subject Index)
- (3) A master-index of names, covering the entire series of volumes.

Such a "Master Index to the Report and Supplemental Volumes of the House Select Committee on Assassinations: The Assassination of President John F. Kennedy" would be an invaluable tool for scholars and libraries and to the community of critics and investigators, who now number in the hundreds, and of course to the U.S. Congress and to the Department of Justice, which has been charged with the further investigation of the case.

If Scarecrow Press is interested in publishing such a master index, I would be glad to discuss the matter with you. If not, I would be grateful to be informed as soon as possible, since the project is nearing completion, so that I may approach other houses with a view to early publication.

Yours sincerely,

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