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Dear Gary,

I have just learned from Paul Hoch that you and I both indexed Volume X an unfortunate duplication of work for which I blame myself. Initially I had no desire or intention to index the HSCA volumes and as I recall I informed you that I would not be indexing. Later, I changed my mind and decided to index all the JFK volumes. I should have let you know and I am sorry that I failed to do so. In any case, I am now well launched into total indexing and have completed the Report (JFK section only) and all the supplemental volumes except organized crime (Vol. IX) and acoustics (Vol. VIII). After I do those two, I intend to do the five volumes of the Hearings.

Does this overlap with your own plans? If so, please write or call me collect at 212-242-4293, so that we will be sure not to duplicate each other again.

When all this indexing is completed, we might all think about the possibility of consolidating the indices and producing a single master index to all the JFK volumes. A computer would be a god-send for such a backbreaking job—or a team of students? It should be possible to find a publisher for such a master index. I would value your thoughts on this suggestion.

Again, my apologies for the overlap. With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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