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Dear Sylvia:

Your letter of the 6th arrived yesterday. Many thanks.

I'm afraid I have only myself to blame for the duplication of the Vol. 10 index. At the time my copies of the appendixes arrived, I'd received only your index to the report via Paul. I quickly decided to have a go at the Cuban volume because it interested me and it could be done fast. I thought of getting in touch with you first to see if you were indexing any of the appendixes, but like a fool I plunged ahead with my file cards instead. Naturally, a week or so after I'd finished and sent my copies off to Paul, the mail brought your copies of the indexes to vols. 10 and 12. All of which goes to show, I suppose, the importance of coordinating such work.

I certainly agree with you that a master index of the JFK volumes is necessary. Would you consider my joining you in a team effort? Today I took the liberty of contacting one of our university computing labs about doing such a project. They couldn't give immediate answers to my questions -- it seems they don't know whether they have a ready-made program on hand to do it -- but they'll be back to me early in the week about it with some estimate of the time and money it would take.

Unless there's another source, I don't see why I couldn't look after the computer work up here. I'm fairly certain I could get some funding from the college research account to cover the cost of computer time. But if for some reason it couldn't be done that way, I'm more than willing to share the work of doing it 'by hand.'

I'm truly awed by your industry in tackling all the volumes. Since doing Vol. 10 my indexing efforts have had to stop; the term has just begun, with all that it entails, and I'm trying to pull together some of the recent stuff from the committee volumes for a presentation I'm to give here next week. After the dust settles around October, I'll be in a position to do some more indexing. Unless you're doing them already, or want to do them, I could get started on the hearings; say, vols. 1 and 2? Let me know.

Have you, by the way, heard anything recently about the Bronson film? Namely, has the recommended analysis been undertaken? If so, by whom? And when will the results be known? I'd be grateful for any news.

Thanks again for your letter. I'm enclosing my version of the vol. 10 index. I was glad to see that with a couple of minor exceptions it matches yours.

Best regards,

Gary
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