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Dear Sylvia:

<sup>R</sup> I guess our last letters crossed in the mail. I'm awed and humbled by you<sup>A</sup> speed in indexing and working up a draft explanatory note!

About the latter: it looks very good indeed and, like you, I think it should be as short and informative as possible. I've xeroxed my own copy and am sending the original back to you along with some suggested revisions to the first two paragraphs. As you can see, there's nothing substantial in my revisions except for deletions of a couple of points (i.e., I thought that mention of the HSC's investigation of the performance of the FBI, CIA, etc. broke the flow; also, the pedant in me changed the passive voice in lines 3-4 to the active) and the addition of a footnote on the Rockefeller and Church panels. I also turned the second paragraph into two sentences. But you can make the final decisions about how it should read, o.k.? I think ~~the~~ the rest of your draft is good and should be left as is.

I was most pleased to learn that our volume will include your WC index. The xerox copy I've been using over the years is in bad need of replacement! I was also glad to hear that Blakey might come through with a list of witnesses. Presumably, this will include more citations than those found in the Report and appendixes. If he doesn't provide them, it shouldn't be a difficult job to pull together those cited in the vols.

~~XXXX~~ I've ordered the program needed for the compilation of the master index. Talking with the sales rep on Friday, though, he couldn't tell me precisely when it would arrive. I explained that we were working under a hard deadline of Jan. 31 and he foresaw no problem. What I can do upon the completion of my index to vol. V (which is about 1/3 done, by the way) ~~is to~~<sup>is to</sup> start to feed the entries onto memory disks. Then when the program arrives, it merely processes the information. As I noted, I can also draw on the combined efforts of students and if, by mid-December, ~~it~~ there's no sign of the program, I'll put them to work. In the end, there shouldn't be any problem beating the 31 Jan. deadline.

I had a demonstration of the machine in question the other day. Amazing! It effectively sorts through all the entries like a deck of cards and arranges them alphabetically. It then types them out, complete with boldface when indicated, at a speed of about 10 seconds per page.

Will let you know about further developments.

Best regards,



P.S., You noted that your WC index will include corrections. In case you haven't picked them up, a couple that I've penciled in my copy have been added on the sheet enclosed.