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Dear Gary,

Thanks for your letter of 31st October, which has just arrived together with your excellent index to Volume III. I feel for your labors and boredom, as you will feel for me when you receive from Paul my index to Legislative Volume II, which is perhaps the worst of all the indexing jobs I did, in terms of stupefaction and seeming endlessness.

Yes, I agree with you and Paul that we should include a list of witnesses, in the open and if possible in the executive sessions. I tried unsuccessfully to obtain such a list from Blakey, via Jeff Goldberg. When I do my names by category, a partial list of witnesses will emerge automatically, but I will still need the witnesses heard in executive session. I can't seem to locate Paul's send-out of 8/25. Does that have the executive witnesses? Can you undertake to dig out the names?

I am enclosing herewith my revision of the index to Volume II Hearings, which I mentioned to you on the phone the other night. Please xerox copies for yourself and for Paul and please return the original plus one xerox to me. Also, as mentioned in our phone conversation, please send me one set of extra copies of the indexes you have done thus far.

Also enclosed is an index to Legislative and Administrative Reform Hearings Volume I. You will note that this is a very brief index. Vol. I is devoted largely to some 400 pages of materials submitted to the HSCA by the American Civil Liberties Union, none of which is germane to the Kennedy assassination and much of which is illegible. The table of contents lumps it under a single title "statement and material supplied by the ACLU" without even listing the component items. Under the circumstances, and not to be holier than the Pope, I decided not to index the ACLU material, apart from listing the component elements on the first page of the enclosed index. I believe this decision has saved my sanity and physical health.

My indexing of volumes is now complete, praise the Lord. I will now start the cataloguing of names by identity and role. After that, the list of exhibits.

Let me emphasize one thing, before I forget it: Very little of the Legislative I and II indexes need to be assimilated into the subject index. When I have xerox copies of these two indexes, I will mark those entries which should go into the amalgamation, and will send the marked copies back to you. You will see at that time that relatively few entries will need to be assimilated. If any of this is not clear, please telephone.

Wearily, with best regards,