

10 November 1979

Dear Gary,

Thank you for your letter of the 4th. Your suggestions for the explanatory note are excellent and will be incorporated in the revision when I do it. I assume that you will, in due course, let me have material for page 2 of the explanatory note, explaining the symbols.

I am inclined to think that we should not use the "1H" "2H" system that I used for the WR. In the HSCA case, we have three types of volumes -- Hearings (I through V) Appendices (VI through XII) and Legislative and Administrative Reform (I and II). We could explain that in the Explanatory Note and then we need use only three types of symbols: R for Report; I, II, III, through XII; and L/A I, L/A II. I think this would produce a clean and simple presentation. Please let me know your thinking. If you prefer to use "1H" "6A" and 1 L/A, let us discuss it.

As I wrote you earlier, Blakey will not provide us with the list of witnesses, and we will have to make our own catalogue. We can think about that later, when the main work is done.

I am fascinated by your description of the alphabetization machine--a small miracle. I very much hope that we can get access to it for the alphabetization of the lists of names by category, on which I have started work. I have already done the Report and I through IV and some of the lists are already several pages long. I don't think I can face alphabetizing these lists manually, and I will plan to send them to you, for processing either by your miracle machine or by your student volunteers (to whom please express my most sincere gratitude for their help).

Thank you for your two corrections to my WR index. They arrived in the nick of time, as I was just giving my copy to my niece to ~~deliver~~ deliver by hand to Scarecrow Press. I was able to enter the corrections before she went off with the book.

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Your letter of the 7th has just arrived. Many thanks for the extra copies of your indexes to I, III, and X. Scarecrow has not indicated its wishes about final copy. I had wondered if they might not use the copy we submitted, by photo-offset or some such process, but I suspect that they will re-do our copy. Mr. Eshelman did mention to me that they might be able to reduce the number of pages of the WR index in the process of incorporating it in the new volume. You will notice that the contract gives Scarecrow the right to decide on design, production, etc., and that their decisions will not be subject to review. But I think that you should use a single-column format, as you are contemplating.

I too have problems with Spanish names. But I am pretty sure that Sergio should be "Arcacha Smith, Sergio" and not "Smith, Sergio Arcacha". Even if I am technically wrong about that, the fact is that common usage is Arcacha Smith, and not Smith, Sergio Arcacha. So let us leave Sergio as he is.

Finally, thank you for your short bibliography and its generous characterizations of my work. One of the HSCA volumes contains a massive bibliography done for the Committee by the Library of Congress, so we are relieved of the burden of including bibliographical material in our master index.

All the best,