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Dear Gary,

I was delighted to learn from your letter of the 4th that your work is going faster than expected and that you are receiving such enthusiastic cooperation from your student volunteers. I am amused by their present of a T-shirt and if you really do know who killed JFK, I wish you would tell me. I'm not much clearer on that than I was 12 years ago, although I do know who didn't kill JFK.

As you requested, I have gone through Volume I for JFK references. The substantive mentions come in the Blakey introductions and the Connally testimony, as you will see from the enclosed sheet (I included the Groden testimony but you may wish to omit that). I did not proceed beyond Groden's testimony, since all the subsequent witnesses in the volume were technical and scientific experts and a spot check indicated only incidental mentions of JFK.

I also went through the Barger testimony in Volume II and gave a broad interpretation to the term "impulse patterns", listing not only that term when he used it (rather infrequently) but also his references to "impulse events", "impulse sounds", and the like. You may wish to check my listings and eliminate those which in your judgment do not really qualify for inclusion under "impulse patterns".

Mr. Eshelman told me recently that he was not happy with the title of our work as it appears in our contract, because of its length. I agreed that it was too long and also that it was no longer accurate, since the old Subject Index was to be reprinted under the same umbrella. I therefore suggested, and Eshelman accepted, the following title:

MASTER INDEX TO THE JFK ASSASSINATION INVESTIGATIONS

The Reports and Supporting Volumes of the House
Select Committee on Assassinations and the
Warren Commission

Another development about which I may not have written concerns an introduction to our work. Paul Hoch had suggested that Blakey or a member of the HSCA might write something but I absolutely do not want anything like that. As I told Paul, I consider the HSCA an adversary and not an ally and want no suggestion of any tie-in. (Actually I hit my private ceiling at the very thought—sometimes I do not understand Paul's thinking.) Subsequently, Russ Stetler volunteered to write an introduction. I said that was fine and I am now waiting to see what he comes up with.

I think that is all my news for the moment. Penn will run an item about our index, perhaps in his next issue, and I imagine that Jeff Goldberg will do the same in his next.

All the best,

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