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Dear Gary,

Yesterday, after I mailed my letter of the 28th concerning corrections, I received your letter of the 20th with the draft of the first 15 pages of the subject index. I am really awed by the care, depth and breadth of your compilation. It is a superb job of amalgamation, clarity, and logic. Sincere congratulations.

There is one serious omission, under "Autopsy: Witnesses" -- not your fault but the result of my indexing of Volume VII. In addition to your citation, please add "VII 8-9". As you will see in that volumes, it gives a list of all those who were present during the autopsy, in one capacity or another. I have included in the "Key to Names" a complete list of those present, basically from Volume VII.

I am perfectly satisfied with your treatment of "Backyard Photographs" and also agree with putting JFK, Oswald and Ruby in the Subject Index.

I have re-done the "Explanatory Note" on the basis of the material supplied with your letter of the 20th. I took the liberty of changing slightly the text for Section 2, dealing with the Exhibits. I did not think that we should stress "omission". I hope that my revision is acceptable to you.

I have also revised the text under Section 4, because I have a separate explanatory note for the Key to Names.

I am enclosing my carbon copy of the explanatory note, which you will wish to xerox for yourself. I did not retype your Acknowledgments or Abbreviations, so I would be grateful if you attach copies of those two pages and then return the enclosed copy of the Explanatory Note.

Nothing is written in stone and we can always make necessary alterations at the proofreading stage. But to be honest, I think we have a terrific piece of work on the way, one with which our severest critics will have little basis for finding fault.

I hope that you enjoyed your Christmas visit. Personally I did little except attend a few parties, and I will be glad when this whole holiday season is over. If you have any questions about my letter of yesterday or this letter, please give me a call. I never feel sure that I am being sufficiently clear or remembering to include everything.

Best personal regards,