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Mr. Speaker, I also want to report to the House on another matter relating to the work of the committee. I have been in touch with the Attorney General's office and have arranged to meet with him to discuss what actions the Department of Justice will take in response to the recommendations of the committee. That meeting will take place after the various divisions of the Department have had the opportunity to analyze our work. I will report to the House the results of our meeting.

Mr. Speaker, turning again to another subject, the work of the committee has not been received without controversy. That is to be expected in a free society. I regret to inform the House, however, that I see a pattern developing of unfairly criticized. It is to be particularly regretted that some of this criticism stems from individuals associated with the Warren Commission. The committee did not reach a harsh judgment on the work of the Commission, even though the committee concluded that the Commission was in error on the question of conspiracy in the President's death. The committee concluded:

(C) criticism leveled at the Commission had often been biased, unfair, and inaccurate... (F) the Committee believed that the prevailing opinion of the Commission's performance was undeserved. (Final Report, p. 257)

The committee also observed: Contrary to the allegations of some critics, the Commission was not part of a sinister Government cover-up of the truth. The Committee found that the Commission acted in good faith, and the mistakes it made were those of men doing the best under difficult circumstances. (Final Report, p. 253)

Nevertheless, public criticism has been made of the committee's report that reflects such a profound lack of understanding of the report and its underlying evidence that I am moved to say to our critics the obvious: First read, then criticize.

In this connection, I would like to draw to the attention of my colleagues three recent attacks on the report and replies made to them by the committee's former chief counsel.

I include the following in the Record: A list of the volumes of the committee's report; and a series of articles and letters dealing with the report.

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