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Mr. Clay Shaw  
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New Orleans

Dear Mr. Shaw,

Your attorneys no doubt have already considered the following evidenciary point but I do not wish to take that for granted.

The prosecution charges that you are the "Clay Bertrand" whose name was brought into the Oswald case by Dean A. Andrews. Implicitly, then, the prosecution maintains that you are the "Clay Bertrand" who telephoned Dean Andrews in his hospital room on November 23, 1963, to request that he should represent Oswald as legal counsel.

On November 22, 1963, you were in California. I assume that you were there also on November 23, 1963. If the prosecution seeks to prove that you are the "Clay Bertrand" described by Dean A. Andrews, it should be able to produce telephone records demonstrating that there was a long-distance phone-call from your location in California to the hospital room in New Orleans.

If there is no such telephone record, and if the phone-call to Andrews was a local call (which has always been the impression given), the prosecution's allegation is all the more vulnerable—unless, of course, the District Attorney is disposed to argue that there was a "second Clay Bertrand," a rather dubious proposition on its face.

You are aware from reading my book that I am profoundly convinced that the Warren Report is fraudulent and should be discredited and destroyed. I am equally convinced that this must not be accomplished by fraudulent means or through the false conviction of an innocent man. Please be assured that I am at your disposal if I can be of assistance in any way to your defense.

Yours very sincerely,

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