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My dear Mrs. Moody,

In reply to your letter of 9 June 1970, forwarded to me by my publishers, I enclose herewith information on the Subject Index, which is now available again on order. I should like to emphasize that the book is useful only to individuals who possess or have access to the 26 volumes of the Hearings and Exhibits of the Warren Commission. If you do not have the 26 volumes, you would only be wasting your money on the Subject Index, which is not a text but consists of indices intended as a guide to the testimony and exhibits.

Scarecrow Press had an office in New York at the time the Subject Index was published but some years ago moved to Metuchen, New Jersey. The original edition has been out of print for three years now, so that the only present source is University Microfilms.

I greatly appreciate your generous remarks about Accessories After the Fact as well as your perceptive comments about Ruth Paine. What does surprise me, if you will forgive my saying so, is your statement that you are a "believer in District Attorney Garrison." At this point in time, even his most ardent apologists—or most of them—concede that his bombast and charlatanism have done incalculable damage to the prospects of a serious reexamination of the Dallas tragedy. The general public, which often takes a simplistic view of events, tended to see a contest between Garrison's "case" and the Warren Report; and the utter fiasco of the Shaw trial therefore converted many people to acceptance of the Warren Report and wearied even more people with the whole subject.

To give an honest response to your question about the truth ever coming out, I must admit that I am deeply pessimistic. In 1966-1967 I was very hopeful but thanks to the sordid, irresponsible antics of Garrison and others like him there has been a dismaying loss of credibility for all critics of the Warren Report, including the few who publicly disassociated themselves from the crude absurdities and fabrications of pseudo-critics such as the New Orleans District Attorney and others who, with perhaps the best of intentions, are following in his footsteps.

You may be sure that I am continuing and will persist in my work on this case, however discouraging the climate of opinion may be. I do not regard myself as a "conspiracy addict" per se, for if there was solid, irrefutable and conclusive evidence of a "lone assassin," I would accept it. However, no such evidence has been presented against Oswald and I continue to regard him as a victim of the most flagrant injustice and lies. I will do everything I can to reverse that injustice, but only by scrupulous and honest means.

Yours sincerely,

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