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Dear Sylvia,

Thanks much for that copy of your letter to Belin. If you have copies readily available of your article and Belin's letter, I would greatly appreciate them. Don't go to any trouble if you don't have any--I will find someone who has copies.

You should be hearing from Ned Crosby in the near future if you have not already. He is editing a short version of Harold Weisberg's Post Mortem. He will begin it with a summary of some of what is known to date in a number of areas. Ned has the money and influence to be able to publish, and the brains to write it. I am spending time with him going over it, but I suggested you as a more appropriate person to proofread. This is a chance to summarize what has been done in the medical area and bring out some new data besides. (In exchange Ned is going to privately publish the full text for Harold of his original version.) There are many questions which have to be gone over before its publication including the complicated one of the Kennedy role. Harold presents them as fall guys, which I don't buy. He somewhat ignores Goodwin's review of the Epstein book and other publically available material. Ned will be interested in discussing this area I think.

Ned brought back here, from his last visit with Harold, concerns about Cyril's Wecht's stated intent to see the X-rays and photographs and make public what he sees. Ned did not know how to evaluate Harold's concerns, and I could only do a partial job of it, so I also referred him to you for discuss of that subject. Since Cyril is definitely going to view them, it is a real issue. From my view, I would think that Cyril and the other critics would best benefit from a discussion and planning session before he sees them, with the putting together of a checklist or set of questions so he doesn't forget anything. I would also assume it would be wise to have a meeting afterwards to discuss what he found, and the most efficacious way ##### for him to present it. This kind of thing could be butchered or distorted through ignorance or on purpose by some of the press. While it is a bit presumptuous to suggest such a thing to Wecht, I think it could do nothing worse than be of help to him in his attempts to determine the truth. If I were in his place I would certainly seek counsel from a number of people given the importance of the things he will examine.

Well, I'd better go. My half-time job as coordinator of the free clinic is taking full time these days. This is our new stationary. We are funded for a year under a Crime Commission grant which is paying my salary. We are finally able to explore new models of care, drug treatment, etc. It is exciting, but a lot of work.

I hope this letter finds you in good health and spirits. If you do not have time for discussions with Ned, I apologize for having sent him to you. You need only be direct about it. But I really feel that you are the best person for him to discuss it with. Harold, for all of my liking for him, is very hard to work with and very rigid



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about his pet theories. Ned lacks much basic knowledge, but is very bright and has the advantage of being new enough to the case to remember what things convinced him and his friends. Furthermore, and important to remember, he has the ability through his social position to reach many political leaders who have not really been available to us.

Best wishes,

Gary