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Copy of handwritten letter from Ned Crosby to Meagher dated 12 Oct 1971

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The result of the one hour conversation is that he says that he is going to write Ted Kennedy a letter asking that the X-rays and photos be made public. I think there is good chance he will do this. You softened him up in his confidence about his own historical record. When he saw that a student with a nice prominent Republican uncle was also pursuing this matter, I think he sought out a way to absolve himself of his sins. With a letter to Ted Kennedy he can then pose as a man who privately had his doubts and wanted the case reopened. Whether his letter will have any influence I don't know, but I don't think it will hurt any.

I didn't get around to challenging him about Givens, etc., but feel that you really have covered the matter with him so thoroughly that there was little to be learned by pursuing it. We parted company on friendly terms after he bought me a six-pack of Oreo cookies.

Hope this will be of some use to the cause and won't backfire on us.

Best regards.

P.S. At some point in the future when I will not be breaking his confidence, remind me to tell you about the role he says he played with regard to the single bullet theory.

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