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Representative Hale Boggs
The House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Representative Boggs,

The New York Times of November 28th reported that you took issue with charges of absenteeism by members of the Warren Commission on the grounds that the records were not entirely accurate and reflected attendance only of those present at the opening of a session.

With great respect, I wish to point out that you have misstated the facts. Volumes I through V of the Hearings repeatedly indicate at various points in the transcripts the arrivals (and in many cases the departure and/or return) of members of the Commission who are listed as present at the outset of a session. This is illustrated in Volume III --on page 357, which lists Representative Ford among those present at 9:10 a.m., and on page 360, which indicates that "at this point, Representative Ford entered the hearing room." The same applies to the attendance of Mr. Dulles (Volume III pages 357 and 361).

As I am certain that your misstatement was inadvertent, I thought that it might be of service if I directed your attention to the cited pages of the Hearings.

Yours sincerely,

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