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Mr. Mark Lane
Citizens Commission of Inquiry
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Washington, D.C. 20002

Dear Mark,

Thank you for your friendly letter of the 20th. I am glad to know that the CCI has made real progress during the past months. Certainly the JFK case is having a remarkable revival in all the news media.


Shortly after the NYU symposium, I had to be hospitalized --for the second time this year--with acute asthma. I returned to my desk at the UN only a week ago, to be confronted with a heavy backlog and a heavy program of work connected with a special session of the UN General Assembly (which is to open on Labor Day) followed by the regular session of the Assembly which is our most important annual assignment.

In other words, I cannot see where I would summon the time or the energy to accept any substantial tasks just now, in relation to the new wave of interest and activity in the JFK assassination. Perhaps after the end of this year I will be in a better position. But I do wish to thank you sincerely for your suggestions.

As to any re-publication of Accessories After The Fact, my phonecalls to my publishers (Bobbs Merrill) have gone unanswered. They seem not to be interested at all in a second edition or a paperback. Should you and/or your associates wish to produce a limited uncovered edition, you would certainly have my blessing and I would waive any royalties, modest or otherwise. But I am afraid that Bobbs Merrill, which has contractual rights, might not consent. I do not know what the legal position would be, but if such a new edition as you suggest can be legitimately issued, then any royalties to which I might be entitled should, I believe, go instead to support responsible efforts to re-open the case.

With all my good wishes and kind regards to you and your associates,

Yours sincerely,


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