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Dear Mr. Kihss,

Thank you very much for your pleasant letter of the 7th. I appreciate your observations on the specific points about which I wrote; and I quite understand the pressures on your available time.

Although I am, of course, sorry to learn that the project has been interrupted, I am profoundly impressed by the invaluable work that Mr. Salisbury is accomplishing in Vietnam. His reports have contributed immensely to the knowledge and understanding of the war by the American public. In any case, it seems likely that The Times in due course will return to the subject of the Warren Report, as events develop.

You are entirely right about the tissue samples. In discussion with a forensic pathologist who has been kind enough to advise me on aspects of the autopsy and medical findings which are unintelligible to lay persons, it was suggested that the tissue study was not, as it should have been, focused on establishing evidence of a bullet path. He considered the autopsy report in general to be incomplete and inadequate and if I understood him correctly he was not satisfied with the microscopic examination of the tissues.

There is an error in my article on Oswald and the State Department and a correction has been published; it is not true, as I said in the article, that Orest Pena failed to receive his passport in 24 hours, as Oswald did. But the article is correct with respect to the lookout cards. The Warren Report states on page 772 that the State Department "should have prepared a lookout card for Oswald in June 1962 when he received the proceeds of the loan" and then acknowledges, "however, a lookout card was never in fact prepared." I am very pleased to know that this article aroused interest and concern, since it concerns an aspect of the evidence that requires considerably more attention than it has received. As you know, the article is a chapter from my manuscript on the Warren Report, which is to be published by Bobbs-Merrill Publishers in the fall. I hope very much that the book will help further to illuminate the facts, the evidence, and the findings in this infinitely complex and tragic affair.

I do appreciate your kindness and I hope that our paths will cross before too long.

Yours sincerely,

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*P.S. Enclosed is a piece
on Jenner which may interest
you. His violence to the fact
is by no means unique among
Salisbury in the WR*