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Dear Mr. Williams,

Thank you for sending me the clipping of the Paul Scott column. What is curious is that substantially the same story appeared in the "Bob Allen-Paul Scott" syndicated column dated 20 November 1967, beginning with the words "Four years after the assassination..." and of course without the present concluding paragraphs, referring to Nixon and Mitchell, and the declassification of still-classified documents in the Archives.

At the time the original column appeared I commented on it in a letter to one of my colleagues, dated 4 December 1967. I am enclosing the relevant parts of that letter. So far as I can see from the clipping you sent me, Scott continues to omit the two significant sentences from the CIA memorandum, thus creating more mystery than there really is.

Still, it is useful, I suppose, that Scott is raising the important question of the declassification of the remaining classified documents —although I find it inexcusable that he withholds published information or deliberately misrepresents the situation in order to make his argument.

I did not write to Allen and Scott at the time the original story appeared, I believe, because of the illness and death of a member of my family. If you care to write to Scott on the basis of the up-dated column (which I return herewith), it would be interesting to see what results you get.

Sincerely yours,

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