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By Hand

Mr. Ralph R. Shaw  
c/o Mr. Albert Daub  
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Dear Mr Shaw,

Thank you for your letter of September 27, 1965 and for your offer to publish my index to the Warren Report and Hearings and Exhibits. I am returning herewith the signed ribbon copy of the contract, together with the master copy of the index, as you suggested.

I wonder if you will have the time during your visit to New York for a discussion of a number of matters which should be considered in relation to the publication of the index, or if you would perhaps wish to designate someone to discuss those matters with me. One question which should be considered is a check on the accuracy of each citation in the index. I have of course attempted to be scrupulously accurate, and to a very limited extent have checked and corrected some of the references. However, in the interests of strict accuracy, I attach the greatest importance to having a person other than myself make an independent check of each citation, to ensure that it pertains to the subject under which it appears.

Another question is the format of the index in published form. I realize that under the contract terms the publisher has sole responsibility, but I hope nevertheless that you will find it possible to consider the desirability of harmonizing the index in size and appearance with the twenty-six volumes to which it is a logical companion.

A third question relates to the marketing of the index, and here I believe that I can be of some assistance. My work on the Warren Report has brought me into contact with a number of researchers, here and in other parts of the country, who have been asking me to sell them a copy of the index in its present typescript form. This I have not been able to do, for lack of copies, and they are now waiting for an opportunity to purchase a published version.

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In addition to those individual researchers, I have a number of other suggestions for consideration. Those suggestions involve sizeable groups who will have a distinct interest in the subject index, by reason of their own connection with or work on the investigation of the assassination.

One other matter which should be discussed quite soon is the disposition of the supplementary name index, which I sent you with my letter of 20 September 1965. A decision will have to be made on whether that name index should be used or not; and if so, in its present form or in an expanded version (the preparation of which would require at least several weeks, perhaps longer) --and, should it be used as a separate index or integrated with the subject index?

Should you wish to reach me during your visit, my telephone number at home is Chelsea 2-4293 and at my office it is Plaza 4-1234 ext 2024.

I shall look forward to hearing from you again and to an opportunity to discuss these and other questions on which, as a novice, I should appreciate clarification. I hope that my association with The Scarecrow Press will be a friendly and completely agreeable one, on both sides, and that the subject index will prove of real value to scholars working in this field.

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosures;

- (1) Signed contract
- (2) Master copy manuscript of subject index

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