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Dear Dr Shaw,

I trust that you received the manuscript of the subject index to the Warren Report/Hearings and Exhibits as well as my covering letter and that you will comment on the questions I raised in due course. Your New York office tells me that you are very busy and will not be here again until perhaps January. I telephoned the New York office because I have been invited to take part in a radio panel discussion of the Warren Report and wondered whether or not to mention the forthcoming publication of the subject index by Scarecrow Press, if an opportunity presented itself during the radio program. Apparently, Scarecrow Press is entirely agreeable.

Since you will not be in New York for a while, I had better mention that I have a number of new citations to be inserted in the subject index. I should like to forward those before the index is set into galley form, and can mail them to you in another week or ten days. I should be grateful if you would indicate whether those citations can be added to the index on that basis, or if you prefer another arrangement. Please feel free to telephone me collect anytime after 7 pm New York time at Chelsea 2-4293, indicating the position about the additional citations and also the questions mentioned below.

You will recall that I had prepared a name index for some 230 selected witnesses and that I suggested that it be published, perhaps in expanded form, as a supplement to the subject index. On the chance that you might find that desirable, I began some weeks ago to expand the name index--(that is how I discovered the additional citations to be inserted in the subject index)--and have been able to complete about three-fourths of the job. If you wish to publish the expanded name index as a companion to the subject index, please let me know and I will get on with it as a matter of urgency. Otherwise, I will complete it at a more leisurely pace, for my personal use, since it is fairly near completion anyway.

The third and final point, and to me the most important question of all, is the checking of the subject index for accuracy. I should be most unhappy if no such check was made, citation by citation, before publication; and I do hope that you will agree that it will be equally desirable for Scarecrow Press to ensure strict accuracy, so far as that can be achieved. By the way, I had foreseen a very limited market for the index, based on the number of sets of the Hearings and Exhibits sold, which I had believed was about one thousand. However, a recent story in the local press suggests that more than ten thousand sets have been distributed---1684 by sale, and 8250 by free distribution.

I should be grateful to hear from you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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