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Dear Mr Daub,

I have just received your letter of March 29 and the enclosed mailing circular. One reason that caused me to suggest on several occasions that I should see the text before the circular was printed was my desire to prevent a serious and embarrassing error like the one I find in the blurb.

The penultimate sentence ("A complete name index covering all volumes and locating the name references in the Report is also included in this book.") is not only incorrect and misleading but will make no sense to anyone who has acquired some familiarity with the Hearings & Exhibits.

For your information, the Hearings & Exhibits consist of 26 volumes. The first 15 volumes contain the transcripts of testimony of the witnesses who appeared before the Warren Commission or its counsel. A name index at the end of the 15th volume (Volume XV) cites the volume and page numbers in Volumes I through XV for all the witnesses and for all the persons who were mentioned in the testimony.

The next 11 volumes (Volumes XVI through XXVI) contain the documents (letters, interview reports, photographs, charts, maps, and the like)—the Exhibits, in other words. There is no name index for the persons mentioned in the Exhibits, some of whom are mentioned in the Report or the Hearings or both and some of whom are not mentioned in the Report, or not mentioned in the Hearings, or not mentioned at all in either the Report or the Hearings.

My own name index which is published as an appendix to the major work—the subject index—is a selected, limited index to some key persons whose names appear in the Exhibits. In some cases, the same names appear in the Volume XV name index and my index merely adds the appropriate Exhibit numbers—thus it is a supplement to the Volume XV name index but only to some of the names, relatively few of them, selected because in my opinion they were important. My name index also lists a few names not mentioned and not indexed in the Warren Report and/or the Volume XV index.

I realize that this is a complicated matter not easily made clear to anyone who is not a close student of the Warren Report and Hearings & Exhibits. However, it seems to me that the circular should not be mailed out with the seriously erroneous sentence as it now appears. Not only will I find it personally embarrassing but it is likely to invite complaints

from your customers on the ground that they did not receive a work consistent with the specifications as advertised.

If the mailing cannot be scrapped, I would urge you to obliterate the faulty sentence completely. In the next run, please be certain that the sentence is deleted and the following description inserted in its place:

A selected supplementary name index citing exhibit references for some key figures in the investigation is also included in this book.

I should be grateful for your personal effort to rectify this unfortunate misstatement in the circular, in the first mailing if there is any possible way to do so, but certainly in the subsequent runs.

Yours sincerely,

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P.S. (1) May I please have a supply of 30 copies or so of the circular as is, from which I will delete the incorrect sentence and mail to new interested persons whom I encounter from time to time; and (2) I will be grateful if you or your secretary will telephone me as soon as the book arrives, so I can tell several people who are badgering me. My number is Plaza 4-1234 ext 2024; at home, it is Chelsea 2-4293.