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Dear sir,

Your welcome letter of May 2 in answer to mine of April 3 to Ms Jane Smith cleared up most of the points I raised with her. It is good to know pages 23-33 (23-32 in Ms Smith's letter) are now available for research. I assume the price is still 15¢ per Xeroxed page and am ordering accordingly. I am especially thankful for receipt of a copy of the 13-page transcript of the session of January 22, 1964 which, however, lacks a cover page and its obverse. On the assumption they are available I am including the small amount necessary to cover the cost of a copy of each of the two pages.

It is hoped these pages will establish who were present at the session of January 22, 1964. And that may help solve the minor mystery of the identities of "A" and "Q" in the transcript.

General Counsel J. Lee Rankin is identified as "Rawkin" throughout the transcript, an obvious uncorrected mistake. Commissioners Boggs, Cooper, Dulles, and Ford are quoted and their names are spelled correctly. Commissioners McCloy and Russell and chairman Warren are not quoted and neither their first nor surnames begin with letters A or Q. No witnesses were called to testify at this executive session.

Who then were A and Q? Another problem is the identity of "Sides" who is referred to in the last sentence of the transcript. Any assistance you can give in establishing these identities will be appreciated by everyone concerned with accuracy in documenting truth.

In her letter to me Ms Smith listed ten transcripts all or parts of which are available for research. And three withheld from research. Is thirteen the total number of executive sessions held by the Warren Commission? Can I be notified when the transcripts of the sessions of December 6, 1963 and May 19 and June 23, 1964 are made available for research?

Your attention to these matters will be much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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*Correct; is available;
see Eckhoff's ltr;
I ordered it.*