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Dear Cyril,

Thank you for taking the trouble of reading my account of the Charles Givens evidence. I am glad that you found it logical. Personally I could not see any loopholes through which the Commission or its lawyers could possibly try to escape responsibility for presenting perjury as fact, or to claim innocent error. Just the same, I wanted another opinion and sent the article to Leo Sauvage and Tom Stamm as well as to you. They found it an airtight case and since you had no suggestions or questions, I feel reassured. Now it remains to see what comment, if any, Messrs. Ball and Belin offer in defense of their performance.

Thank you also for the clipping from Newsweek on Judge Halleck, which I found most interesting and which I might otherwise have missed. Quite a transformation of personality and outlook. I would not be surprised if the hearing on the autopsy photos and X-rays was a factor in the metamorphosis.

I have been working at the UN nights, holidays, and Saturdays, and dead tired. I heard only the very beginning of the Long John program last night and the next thing I knew the alarm went off and I had to rush off to a UN meeting. Did the JFK assassination come up during the discussion? I hear that Long John is really cheesed off on the subject, thanks to that bizarre character Garrison. He was scheduled to appear and discuss his book one night about three weeks ago, and simply failed to show up or even to call, to cancel or to apologize. He did the same thing the following day on a CBS program. Naturally he will be blacklisted as undependable and unprofessional—but it would not surprise me if he proceeds to charge that the CIA and the government put pressure on the networks to keep him from revealing anything to the public.

Best regards,

Yours sincerely,