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Mr. Harold Weisberg Coq d'Or Press Route #8 Frederick, Maryland 21701

Dear Harold:

I was rather surprised to receive your letter of 8 October 1971. I do not honestly believe that I have done anything to merit such a strong attack by you. On the contrary, I feel that I have always been friendly and cooperative toward you during these past few years.

If I did not inform you that I was submitting a request to the National Archivist to review the autopsy materials, it certainly was not because of any deception on my part. In fact, now that you have brought this matter up, I must say that I would have simply assumed that you, or any other knowledgeable critic with whom I have maintained some contact during the past few years, would have realized that I would be making such a request at the appropriate time.

Whether or not I will be deceived or fully appreciate what I would be reviewing, assuming that my requested is acted upon affirmatively, remains to be seen. In any event, I do not think that it is reasonable or proper for you to request that everyone else refrain from making any moves to review the autopsy materials at the Archives, simply because you believe you are "on to something big".

With regard to your impoverished condition, please be assured that I am truly most sympathetic. However, I would never have thought of insulting you by offering money. While it is true that I make a good living, I am not in a

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position to subsidize your investigative efforts (or anyone else's) in this or other related and similar matters. How you have come to believe that other people should subsidize your work is beyond my reasoning. This is particularly true insofar as I am concerned, for I have made no money from my activities re: the JFK-WCR issue.

I certainly continue to wish you the very best in your exhaustive investigative efforts, and I regret that you have seen fit to personalize this matter in the way that you have.

Sincerely yours,

Cyril H. Wecht, M.D., J.D.

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