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Dear Dr. Wecht,

Thank you for your letter of April 18th, received today. I am sorry that we did not have a chance to meet during your recent visit to New York, and that I did not hear you on the Long John radio program.

There are some new developments. As you will see from the enclosed photocopy of an item in the New York Times, a new book is about to appear which deals with the Warren Commission. The author was kind enough to ask me to read his manuscript some time ago, but I have been and still am committed to maintain absolute secrecy about the contents. I can only tell you that in my opinion this book, which will be available very soon, decisively destroys the findings in the Warren Report and conclusively reveals it to be a dishonest document. (There are a number of factual inaccuracies in the enclosed news item; I understand that a correction will be published in next Sunday's Times.)

I had thought that my own research and the opportunity to read Mr. Epstein's manuscript had exhausted all the opportunities for personal shock and disgust. I was over-hasty. I received new information only last night, again on a strictly confidential basis, that a document in the National Archives indicates unambiguously that the Commission received evidence in August 1964 which proved beyond a shadow of doubt that Oswald was among the spectators watching the motorcade at the time of the shooting and thus completely innocent of firing any weapon at any person in the Presidential car. They nevertheless proceeded to publish the Report that brands him as a "lone assassin." If that is not appalling enough, there is even a possibility that the same proof was in the hands of federal agents while Oswald was still alive.

This incredible, horrifying, but authentic story will probably be published in the near future as a magazine article. I will alert you as soon as I have more definite information. Frankly, I am feeling so sick at heart this moment that I hardly know what I am doing. I am sorry that I cannot be more explicit; I will be, as soon as I am released from the obligation to the persons concerned.

Yes, I would indeed like to receive a copy of the Journal of Forensic Sciences in which your paper is to appear. I will of course gladly pay the costs. With kind regards,

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