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Dear Dr. Wecht,

You made a very strong presentation on the Long John discussion, much of which I was able to tape. As soon as I have time to transcribe it, I will send you a copy. That man Feinberg was one of the most asinine and unctuous idiots I have listened to yet--his mind is certainly uncluttered with anything resembling fact. Several people called me the next morning to say that you had been very effective--Leo Sauvage, for one, and the editor of The Minority of One.

Considerable confusion still seems to surround the question of access to the autopsy photos and x-rays. As of yesterday, I was ready to write for "permission" to examine them and (if I obtained your agreement in advance) I intended to ask that you accompany me in order to make an expert evaluation of the material. But this morning the New York Times reports that, contrary to the impression of yesterday, it will be five years before any researcher, scholar, or expert not in Government service can even apply to see the photos.

I have considerable reluctance to "petition" for a "privilege" that is really a clear right of every American--to see the evidence in this case, all of it, without restriction or discrimination. However, I think that for the record I will apply to see the autopsy photographs and x-rays, whether now or in five years, making it clear that I do so under protest and that access to this evidence is a right, not a favor. Would you have any objection to my stipulating that I wish to be accompanied by you, as a forensic expert competent to interpret the evidence? It would probably amount only to a gesture for the record, but do let me know if you would rather I include you out.

It was a pleasure to meet you at last, and also your associate (whose name I did not quite catch). Let me know when you expect to be in town again. With best personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

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