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Dear Dr. Wecht,

Many thanks for your letter of the 10th and the detailed discussion of reference points used to pinpoint the location of bullet wounds. I find this very helpful, although I think I would understand your reasoning on the use of the acromium and the mastoid process more confidently if we can discuss it--perhaps on your next visit here. What confuses me is the possibility that the location was 5-1/2 inches below the tip of the acromium, which would be considerably lower than eyewitness accounts of a wound 4 to 6 inches below the neck. But it is most useful to know that the acromium and/or mastoid processes are not customarily or routinely utilized, as they were in the Bethesda autopsy.

The other night I had a brief conversation with Ted Kupferman. He told me that he next step will be to make his request to examine the autopsy photos and x-rays (accompanied by the same trio specified in his first request) directly to the White House. If that is denied, too, he will proceed to reintroduce his Joint Resolution, with appropriate justifications, including the refusal of access to the photos and x-rays. That, at least, is my understanding of his intentions.

The only information I have on LIFE is that several weeks ago I heard that Ed Kern had been reassigned to another project and that the LIFE "investigation" was kaput. I don't have a notion of why that decision was made; perhaps they were not resolute enough to pursue the problem when they failed to turn up something sensational and exclusive at first blush. The New York Times, which also had a quiet "investigation" in progress, has also aborted the project. But these "lulls" are to be expected. They will be followed by new waves of activity, of that I am certain. Have you any plans to be in New York again? Warm regards,

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