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Dear Cyril,

As I told you on the phone, I included in the review of the CBS "inquiry" the points you made about the 1000 autopsies and the Kupferman request. Unfortunately, the editor of The Minority of One deleted this and several other pages of the review, for lack of space. The September issue had already been filled up, and he had to make space for this, so I could not insist on any of the material that was excised.

Do you get The Minority of One, by the way? If not, you should subscribe. No other periodical has given as much space (both articles and editorials) to the events of 11/22/63 and the WR; and such material will continue to appear frequently until the case is really "closed," if it ever is.

Now, here is a shocking piece of news: Last year, I think in the September issue of TMO, there was an excerpt from my book, called "How Well Could Oswald Drive?" or something like that—you must have a copy. Albert Guy Bogard was the key witness in that article, an auto salesman. Only yesterday I learned that Bogard was already dead when the article was published, a so-called suicide in February 1966. He was found in his car, killed by fumes, in a cemetery in his home town in Louisiana. At that time Bogard was engaged to be married to a woman from Dallas; he was in his early forties.

Pern Jones now claims 24 deaths of witnesses. While I don't accept his list in its entirety, it is inescapable that of the 552 witnesses called by the Commission, at least nine have died in a period of approximately two years (Bogard, Bowers, Goldstein, Roberts, Russell, Whaley, Worrell, Ruby, and Reynolds who was shot in the head but recovered, to say nothing of David Ferrie). With a national death rate of about 9.3 per thousand, this may not be out of line, in absolute terms. It is the high percentage of unnatural deaths that is so shocking—about 50 per cent, versus a national average of about 10 per cent. Would you agree with this reasoning?

Yours sincerely,