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Dear Harold,

It was good of you to write (letter of 8/29/69) and to include me in the memo of the same date to Bud, Paul, et al. I greatly appreciate the information and copies of your exchange with Rhoads.

Boston was a very taxing and rather unpleasant "stretch" and I have been rather lethargic since my return. I have been very dejected about Bob Ockene's condition--he is (between us, please, Harold) very ill, if I have not already told you this. And discouraged about various other matters not related to the case. This, rather than busyness, is why I have not written--especially as I had no particular news to relate.

As you foresaw, I would indeed like a copy of the transcript of the significant parts of the New Orleans testimony. Thank you for including me. I will, of course, gladly pay the costs of xeroxing and postage.

I was very struck by Russell Fisher's propaganda in re the Kopechne autopsy, which I saw nowhere else in the press apart from the clipping I sent you, especially when Wecht on at least two radio broadcasts has taken a completely different stand and, if I recall correctly, has suggested that an autopsy would be informative no matter how extended the lapse of time between death and disinterment. Fisher is an agent par excellence for the government, and the government-in-exile, and I hope for the day when he is exposed for the unprincipled dishonest swine he is.

I know nothing about Sprague's article. Where did it appear? And where can I get a copy? He did not send me one, perhaps because he knows full well my scepticism about the various theories he has constructed from the dubious photographic base which seems to monopolize all his energies.

I am sorry to hear that you are having some health problems and I hope that they are not too worrisome. You are no doubt correct in ascribing them to the nature and pace of the life you have been leading since 11/22/63. Please don't neglect yourself, even if it means the temporary slow-down of your work, because you surely should not risk putting yourself out of commission in the long run.

Let me show the same thoughtfulness that you showed by stipulating that you do not need to reply to this letter or to write at all for mere "courtesy." I don't want to cause you to lose any time at all on secondary or incidental matters and will be more than happy to wait to hear from you until such time as you have the leisure or some particular purpose to justify writing. Meanwhile, I will send you anything I run across that might be of special interest and that you might have missed, as in the case of The Nation's editorial. All the best, and renewed thanks for your invitation to visit, which I certainly hope I will be able to accept one day.

