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Dear Vince,

The enclosed copy of my letter to the Attorney General is self-explanatory. His statements today are something I have waited for, I hope to be able to do something with them.

It is true that for some time I have been fighting for the release of certain specific things that have been suppressed and in violation of his own order. For the most part I have been doing this entirely in lengthy correspondence. To some of these pressures they respond. They have not with the spectrographic analysis. They have with the bullet and fragments and with the Zeprador camera.

I have, in too-great haste, examined the bullet. I now, when I can, propose to request permission to take my own pictures of it. You can, of course, now examine the bullet and the fragments, the curbstone and the camera. I think the bullet will shock you, for even the trailing edges, those that allegedly smashed all this bone, are without scratches or nicks.

As Ray predicted, the curbstone has been patched! There is a color and texture difference.

There are other tests I would like to make. I have exhausted my administrative remedies and am prepared to go to court, but I cannot find a lawyer and I cannot afford to hire one. I have made a number of appeals, including to the local (DC) ACLU, without response. Do you know one who is prepared to handle such a case or cases? I believe right now is an excellent time, because of the present state of public opinion and because of Clerk's statement he wants only the truth.

I can also show that the government is not following its own ground rules, that it makes available material that is personally damaging to the left and to pacifists (and is apparently wrong) while it suppresses what seems to shield the right. I gave Penn some material on this several months ago in the hope he could work it up but I've heard nothing from him on the right end. I can also prove that the government is making available information that is personally damaging to people, I have it, it relates to allegations of homosexuality against named and described people.

What I have done with respect to the pictures and X-rays of the autopsy and, perhaps more important, what relates to them, I think no one else has done and is the prerequisite for a suit I want to file, charging the government with violating its own law and regulations and engaging in improper and illegal contractual relations. I also think I have located an important witness on this, one who will testify that such evidence is the property of the hospital making the autopsy. I have a Texas precedent from the archives, with Oswald's autopsy!

I remain overly-committed, with three past-deadline books, but I would like to go farther with this now because the timing is so right, if you have any suggestions.

Sincerely,