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Mr. Richard J. Whalen
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Dear Mr. Whalen,

In going through my "pending" file this morning, I noticed that I had dated my reply to your letter of 20 August 1968 inaccurately --"23 November 1968" instead of 23 August. It caused me to wonder if I had perhaps also misdirected the letter in some way, so that it did not reach you. Just to be sure, I am enclosing a copy.

In recent weeks, I have been catching up with some of the books I missed during the last few years of work on the Warren Report. One was your book The Founding Father, which I think is an extraordinary work of research and writing. I greatly admired your objectivity and scrupulous fairness toward a man who, in spite of that, emerges as rather a dreadful person. I am also reading the Evans and Novak book on Lyndon Johnson, and am struck by the many similarities between LBJ and Joseph Kennedy Sr.

I still look forward to hearing from you, if you are pursuing the project you sketched in your letter of 20 August. After writing the enclosed letter, I had another idea which might lead to a breakthrough, involving the "Miami tape" (see Accessories, page 89 footnote).

Yours sincerely,

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