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Dear Harold:

You sent me two copies of this letter, so I return one. I got the transcripts I ordered by overnite mail, of all things. They shorted me the Dec. 1 LBJ-Sen. Cooper Nightline, but did send me the one with Sen. Russell. Other ones you may be interested in I enclose.

John Zink is a longtime friend and attorney who I practice some cases with. He once ran Central Virginia Legal Services, and is a former Army prosecutor. He has a contract to go out for a week at a time and audit legal aid groups and see that they do good legal work, represent enough people, etc. Last week he went to Cleveland.

I told him to see what he could find out about Burt Griffin, who is a Common Pleas (Circuit court) judge in Cleveland. I gave him a short lesson on the Warren Commission, and both the good and the bad about Griffin. By chance he interviewed Griffin for about an hour about Legal Aid, which I believe he had once served on its board.

Judge Griffin was friendly, and they also chatted about Ohio politics, which Griffin's father was once active in. Finally, Zink said his partner-me- was interested in the Warren Report and JFK's death and had mentioned to him that Judge Griffin was on its staff. Judge Griffin's response was, "I don't want to talk about that." Although this was a private conversation, that was the end of that line of questioning!

Now, it seems to me that if a person is involved in something as important as the Warren Commission, he normally would be proud of it. Nothing is ever normal about this case. While it is easy to read too much about this into this incident, it seems odd that Judge Griffin would appear on documentaries and give radio interviews as he did on WHAS 2 years ago, but won't discuss it privately for even a few minutes. Another story for the file.

Hope you and Lil are well, We are headed to Chicago tomorrow to see Betsy's father. Write you next week.

Sincerely,

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