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The Honorable John Conyers, Jr.
Chairman, Legislation and National Security Subcommittee
Committee on Government Operations
House of Representatives
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Attn: James C. Turner, Esq., Staff Director

Dear Mr. Chairman,

In my letter to you of January 3, 1994 I questioned the assertions made by Mr. Gerald Posner on 17 November, 1993 before your committee regarding his supposed interviews with John F. Kennedy's pathologists, James Humes, MD and J. Thornton Boswell, MD (enclosed). Specifically, I questioned whether JFK's pathologists had truly changed their minds about the low entrance location of the President's fatal skull wound, as alleged by Mr. Posner. JFK's pathologists claimed in their original autopsy report in 1963, and repeatedly have asserted since that time, that the wound was low, near the external occipital protuberance. Drs. Humes and Boswell reaffirmed the wound's low location in interviews published on 27 May, 1992 in the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA). Mr. Posner claimed before your committee that he had interviewed JFK's pathologists, and that they had changed their minds -- reporting to him that the wound was 10-centimeters higher than their original low placement.

On March 30, 1994 I called Dr. Boswell. I read him the relevant parts of Mr. Posner's testimony before your committee. Dr. Boswell told me that he has not changed his mind about the low location of the fatal wound given in the original autopsy report. He also denied ever having spoken with Mr. Posner.

On the same day, and immediately after speaking with Dr. Boswell, I called Dr. Humes. Dr. Humes, who I had never met before, was understandably quite guarded and our conversation was brief. While I did not ask whether he had spoken with Mr. Posner, Dr. Humes told me that he stands by his assertion in JAMA on the location of the skull wound. Thus, while Mr. Posner may have spoken with Dr. Humes, he has apparently misinterpreted or misrepresented Dr. Humes's opinions.

I hope you find this information of interest and value. Please do call upon me anytime if I can be of assistance to you.

Very truly yours,

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