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Dear John,

"The Autopsy", AFIP 1951, arrived today. Appreciate it very much, including your note directing me to mpp 4-5,64. Unless superceded, these clearly state, as I read them, that performance of the autopsy at the military establishment was illegal even if the President were considered a member of the armed forces on active duty and that exactly the kinds of note I postulated had to have been made were required to have been.

I long to finish the book I'm working on and to get back to the third autopsy book, for which this will be quite valuable. Have you checked to see if these have been superceded, or whether any of the citations in any way alter? If you have, I'd like to know.

I have not had time to go much further in Frazier and I am dictating notes and citations on tape as I do read it. I find this quite important stuff. I anxiously await the other testimony you promised. You know, I asked N.O. for this and never got any response? I want to go over all of that quite carefully. We will find more, I am confident.

I have been keeping after the SS for copies of what I know they had and asking for what is required to invoke the Freedom of Information Act if they decline. Nobody every responds to my inquiries about the prerequisites of the act, not a single person, in any agency, at any time. But today I got a response from Kelley saying they did not have the autopsy authorization and he was enclosing it and what is enclosed? Parts of two pages scotch-taped together! What is omitted? Error! I have had the inquest for years and recall it. I shall compare the two before responding.

Nothing else new. Again, many thanks.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg