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Dear Harold,

Thanks for your letter of September 16. I am staying out of the CBS assassination study, mainly because I haven't been invited into it. There are some people here, like myself, who feel very deeply about the necessity for doing this work, but they are in no position to do anything. Speaking for myself, you already know that I have submitted proposals to producers here, and that I tried to get something going long before the Midgley unit announced its special report. The most frustrating and incomprehensible aspect of this year-long experience has been that no one ever gave me the courtesy of a response or an invitation to talk. There was never any contact between me and these producers other than contacts that I initiated, and these never led anywhere.

At the very least, I can say that I have informed the powers-that-be that they cannot claim as their own ideas that have been developed by others, if that is their intent. Lawyers call it "constructive notice."

Now, in exchange for your advice to me, allow me to offer this suggestion: Be very cautious if the researchers and producers from CBS News come to you asking for your help on the medical evidence. Don't let yourself be set up for a "kill." I don't know if the doctor they asked to examine the autopsy materials has already done so, but you should ask for his results before you cooperate. (Assuming, of course, that they come to you at all.)

Talk with you soon.

Regards,

Roger.