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Dear Dick,

Here is a rough draft of a commentary of the CBS four-part Warren Report whitewash, a photocopy of a page of the transcript of the first part and of page 47 of WHITEWASH, and the following correspondence, which is not complete (but from this list I can complete it):

Exchanges between me and Palmer Williams and his then assistant, since successor as Executive Producer of CBS News, dated 4/2, 4/3, 4/23, 5/1 and 5/23/66; some correspondence between me and Bob Richter, a producer who worked as a researcher on this show, dated in 1967: 3/13, 5/23/6/23 and 6/12. We also spoke, at my place, by phone and elsewhere.

I have sent John copies of my most recent correspondence with CBS. My point in sending you only this is so you can see whether there might be a case. The Part I reference is not the only one in which CBS claims for my material that it is their now discovery. There is repetition.

Aside from the whitewashing doctrine, what they ultimately did is exactly what I proposed to them and, strangely, of all the criticisms of the Report, they aired none they did not first read in WHITEWASH.

There are other Alvarez quotes referring to other places that first appeared in WHITEWASH II, which CBS also had.

To the commentary, when I have time to look at it again, I intend adding an introduction and conclusion, and I propose to use it before the FCC in a demand for fairness-doctrine time, etc. I have not sent it to CBS.

As with the Epstein stuff, they also went out of their way to credit other books with what, to their knowledge, appeared first in mine, which they did not mention. I let them say the other works brought them out, etc.

The state of my CBS correspondence currently is that they owe me a letter from their counsel, who said he'd write but hasn't. Those who have written are (at least) General Counsel (and vice president) Brooks and Deputy G C Jencks.

Sincerely,