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Dear Steve:

Last night I did a three-hour TV show in Washington, Channel 14. During the course of it the moderator suddenly decided to canvass his audience on whether or not they still believe the Warren Report, whether they think the case should be re-opened. He took the calls as the audience called in, and a dull show was no less dull without him. The first tally was 3 supporting the report, 38 against. The next was 4 and 38. Then the supporters of the report leaped five, those against were sold out and he finally stopped counting those demanding a new investigation. Those supporting the old one totalled only 5. More than 95% of this sampling of Washington opinion believe the murder should be investigated. Considering that there had been no warm up, no history of shows in this town or on this station, that this is not a progressive station or moderator, I think the statistics are impressive. I wonder if they might not make a news item for you. The moderator is John Lightower, Jr., son of the rather well-known AP correspondent. The station is WDCX.

Two weeks ago I agreed to a debate with Liebler when asked by a high school about 20 miles from L.A. (phone exchange for area, 344). Today they phoned to tell me that Liebler had agreed. I would have said "this year", but he is insisting on an honorarium. My reply was whatever he gets, I do also, and I agree to a year for nothing if he does. They'll pay my fare. Debate date 3/23. I've insisted on ground rules that they drew up in advance, like a limit of opening statements to 10-15 minutes, of responses to 3-3 minutes each, and that there be a competent moderator. There will be one from the faculty. I'll let you know when I do. It will deal with New Orleans and a single assassin, rather than a cumbersome topic. I do not really care what the topic is, but I suggested that they simplify it.

On the TV show last night I did what I have done in letters to the New York Times and London Times Literary Supplement, charged that the Roche statement that if there was a conspiracy, Bobby had to be part of it, that it was the White House effort at the political assassination of Bobby Kennedy, that if Roche did not know any more than he revealed he had no right to open his mouth, and that each of those smears, especially the one against Garrison by the CIA-Pentagon on his alleged medical records gathered that such was the case for Garrison. The last mention of the poll was made, I emphasized that this was the latest proof. I think it is an effective argument, especially when you can run off the evidence as I did.

When you speak to Ray, I think it would be helpful if he can spare it if he would send a copy of his Dealey Plaza chart to Gary Murr, RR 1, Moffat, Ontario, Canada. Murr seems like a fine fellow, has offered to help me, has gotten the 88 volumes and is studying them, and has become interested in the pictures and, particularly Similes. If Ray cannot spare a copy, I will send him mine, the one Ray sent me in 1966. However, there may be an occasion when I'll want this, although I have not yet used it. I took it to the studio last night, for example. But if it will cost Ray money or too much trouble, I've told Murr I'll send him mine. I also told him how to write Ray.