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Dear Ms. Roberts,

I write this prior to receiving a supply of one of my books now being published. I will make no use of having sent you a copy and I ask nothing of you. My Case Open is an examination and I believe refutation of Gerald Posner's mistitled Case Closed. The reason I'll send you my book is because one of Posner's prime sources was before you were born one of your father's more irrational political opponents, former Jeff Parish sheriff Hubert Badeaux. Along with a copy of his ugly book in which he equated nudism with Communism Badeaud distributed a paper that does refer to your father as a Communist. It was published in 1936.

What is published is about 20-25 % of what I wrote. I do not now recall whether my account of Badeaux as a prime source for Posner was eliminated when most of the ms. was to make a smaller book that can be sold for less. If it interests you I'll make a copy of that nasty sheet and send it to you, asking nothing and I'll say nothing about any interest you have if you have one. (Dec XVI)

There was a sudden decision to print my book and in the rush corrections to have been made were overlooked. I apologize for them.

This is my eighth book on the JFK assassination. My ninth is due this fall. I am not and never have been one of those who theorizes conspiracies.

Senator Russell, who encouraged my work as long as he lived, told me that he and Senator Cooper were in inflexible opposition to the single-bullet theory and that to a lesser degree your father was. All such records were eliminated from the Commission's files before deposit in the Archives. The executive session Russell forced for 9/18/64 was without the court reporter who was to take them all down for our history. Rankin then faked one and withheld that until after the Report was out. When I gave that to Russell he was aghast. He asked me to get a statement from the Archivist that there was nothing else. I did and Russell never spoke to LBJ again. From the Russell archive I have the typed copy of the statement he then read. Cooper did an oral history for deposit there and wrote a letter affirming his and Russell's refusal to agree with the single-bullet theory "solution," if you or your brother would like copies.

I apologize for my typing. It ca not be any better. I'm 81 and fortunate to be surviving illnesses that make my typing what it is.

Sincerely,
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