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Dear Bud,

I've been thinking about the transcript you let me have.

As I do, it assumes more and more potential significance. I think we need time to think this through, as we should with what can be done with it, to whom it should be shown, etc. I discussed some of this with you and will suggest another when I see you Tuesday.

Meanwhile, I think it might be wrong to accept the judgement of another, that pages 4 through 18 are not of interest. Frankly, from what this is, I can conceive of no reason for not trying to get them, significant as this whole thing can be, and many for the effort.

From my own and rather extensive experience with the Warren Commission material, on too many occasions I have missed too much in intial examination. This has been true of all of us collectively: we have all missed the same things in the same documents and on the same pages.

Time also brings understanding sometimes initially missing. Two years from now we may be able to see meanings we cannot today, because we are always learning.

I have to go away over the weekend, and I'll take this to reread.

But I strongly encourage you to try and get pages 4-18, inc., if it is at all possible, and if you do, of course I want to go over them.

Among the minor matters, this increases my understanding of Houghton's book and convinces me of the validity of my immediate analysis, in turn giving more point to his presence and indicating what is represented by his book represents more than police self-justification. It began with the function of a junior-grade Warren Report. This tends to give it official status in that function.

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