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Mr. George Healy, Jr.,
Executive Editor
The Times-Picayune
New Orleans, La.

Dear Mr. Healy,

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Your papers served more than a news function during the Shaw trial. I believe that by their extensive coverage, especially by the generous space devoted to the verbatim transcript, you served a vital national function, one that will be important in history.

Only if you read other papers, as I did, could you know how little of the actual trial was elsewhere reported. Without your papers I would not have had the slightest idea what was going on. Personally, I am in your debt for it.

There is no doubt in my mind what the verdict will be. In any event, for numerous and complicated reasons, as I believe I told you, I never did expect conviction to be sustained. For most, we will for some time be too close to events to evaluate their significance. While I expect acquittal, I think the fraudulent official explanation of the President's murder will not survive it.

Before the trial I was told Garrison's office would not have the funds to obtain transcripts of the testimony. Some of them are important to me. I wonder if, under proper safeguards, I might borrow some of them? If you are reluctant to leave them out of your possession, could you possibly Xerox some for me? My major interest is in Colonel Finck's testimony (there is no doubt at all that he committed perjury). I have already published two very limited editions in the three-part study I am making of the autopsy. What Al Oser adduced is, I believe, most important for the ultimate unravelling and establishment of truth. Secondly, my current interest is in the appearances of Frazier and Sheneyfelt. If you could lend me these, using insured mail, I would copy them and return them the same way.

Should you ever decide not to keep these transcripts, I would very much like to have them, for several years ago a foundation asked for my files to be partitioned among several other groups again. Perhaps there may be some questions I might answer, or some things I know that might interest you.

Thank you very much for any help you may offer and for your past kindnesses.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Weisberg