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Saw Larry Stern this morning. He says he hasn't had a chance to read much more. He has now had it almost 5 weeks. The only specific reference he made to the book was to a part of the second or third chapter, the motorcade route. He was concerned because he was there and said the turn from Main was awkward. I told him my point was merely that the Commission was neither forthright nor honest in its handling of this. I sent him a tracing of the map and quotes from the Report showing dishonest representation of the Morning News of the 22nd.

He several times referred to the reasonableness and moderate tone of what he had read, as he had before. He also said that when he went down to Dallas he made a list of 60 questions the Report had to answer and it did. I told him I was familiar with the 26 volumes and would sometime, if he liked, go over his questions with him for the answers in the Report might not be the same as what might be found in the testimony and exhibits.

Without any real basis for it, I have the feeling he does not want to go further in the book because he does not want to find what he now knows he will find and that both he personally and the paper feel this way. In his case, there is always the inherent suggestion that he might have seen what I saw, that perhaps in some way he was less competent than he should have been in not seeing these things. But unless he had time to go through the 26 volumes, and unless he read the Report skeptically, there was no reason to have expected him to see such things.