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Dear Paul,

The items in your letter of 7/14 are all covered in the repeated Archives assurances that I have everything they have on the autopsy. You have copies of this correspondence, some of which is a bit heated. In each case I have been led to believe these do not exist. I do not now recall whether I also asked the SS for these items, but I believe I did that or called on them to replace the missing Archives copies.

In any event, I was wrong to permit so much of my specific requests to remain verbal. For example, I recall making specific verbal request after I first got this list from GD371 for the film receipts and being told they are not in the Archives. This also may be in writing.

Therefore, and especially because Bud has finally agreed to represent me in a legal proceeding (sh!) I have made specific request again. One of the more recent things I sent you is what convinced him to agree, after all this time. (Parenthetically, one of the great evils of Mark's whoring around was to turn off a Kennedy-connected lawyer who was giving thought to representing me in such a suit more than a year ago when Mark misused what I had gotten from Jones Harris in N.O.. Beginning at that moment, this guy would not respond, although he had been more than friendly. He is not the only one to whom this then happened. It is no reflection on Bud to say a lawyer with these connections would have been preferable. Once Bud moves I will again seek to approach him, if Bud does not object, and see if he will now associate himself with the action. He is a specialist in a different but pertinent aspect of the law.)

The enclosed letter, therefore, is redundant. However, it is also specific, and I am very glad you jogged me. I think what I had missed about the chest pictures is also important in this respect, and I am particularly glad you called this oversight to my attention, not only for addition to the book. Of course, it also stretches credulity that much farther- that all the pictures that could have directly addressed the question of direction have disappeared. It is remarkably pertinent to what I discovered in the panel report, too.

I will keep you posted.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg