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Miss Agnes Waldron
Assistant to the Press Secretary
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Miss Waldron,

Thank you for your letter of May 10 and the enclosed copy of the President's speech of April 29.

I am sorry you could not include an official copy of the tape transcripts.

In my own work I want to avoid any possibility that dislike for or prejudice against the President may have changed a single word or be reflected otherwise.

I wrote as soon as the President's speech was televised. The next day, when it was announced that transcripts would be available at the GPO, I wrote and enclosed a check. To date the transcripts have not come.

It is kind of you to tell me of the other sources, of which I knew, but I will just wait for the GPO to get around to sending the copies I bought.

In this writing I would like to be able to draw upon earlier Presidential and other White House statements which seem to be consistent with these transcripts. Here again I would prefer to avoid the risk that someone on some paper dropped a few words that might be important.

So, if it is not too much trouble, I would appreciate copies of all White House statements of whatever source relating to the Watergate. In this way only can I be certain of their completeness and accuracy.

These are ordinarily duplicated. This may not be true of court papers. However, if there are any extra copies of papers representing the White House position filed in court, I would appreciate copies of them, too. Without these I will be restricted pretty much to the versions of The Washington Post and The New York Times. Both papers generally selected and paraphrased and neither is friendly toward the White House or the President.

Anything you can do to help me achieve completeness and accuracy will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg