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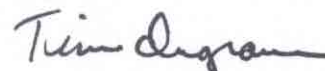
Dear Harold:

Thank you for your letter of November 22.

I am sorry if any inadvertence on the part of Donovan Gay and I has caused you difficulties. Please be assured that Donovan and I have fully respected your request that the embargo on Post Mortem be observed until its public release. Unfortunately, on the morning of our hearing on the Archives' handling of Freedom of Information requests for Warren Commission files, things were a bit hectic. David Belin, who was to appear as a witness before the Subcommittee, arrived at our offices about twenty minutes before the scheduled start of our hearings. I invited him to wait in my inner office while I put together some background material for the morning's hearing for the Chairwoman. Apparently, Mr. Belin saw a copy of your latest book on top of my desk and began leafing through it. I know that he ran his finger quickly down the index of the book, and read excerpts from at least one portion into a portable tape recorder he carried with him. In hindsight I presume I should have told him then that the book had been given us with full assurance that it would not be shared with anyone outside the committee until its full release; but out of expediency, Donovan and I simply told Mr. Belin that it was time for the hearing to begin, and started to pick up our papers, leaving Post Mortem behind in my locked inner office.

I have appreciated your full assistance, and look forward to working with you in the future. I hope you will accept my apologies for any inconvenience this oversight may have caused. The book has not been shared with, or shown to, any other individuals.

Sincerely,



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