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Dear John,

Left for the dinner too late to take time to go to the post office and got home too late to make the outgoing mail, so I didn't mail the rest of the contents of this envelope yesterday, as I'd expected to.

I stayed up until I'd read the government's response and made a few notes I'll probably not be able to read. After three hours sleep I'll begin writing an analysis as soon as I finish this. However, a big question remains: in the two and a half lines of typing in your letter, you failed to say by when you need any suggestions. I'd like to know because my wife will have to retype it after supper, for she is now working and will be through the 16th. That may take a little time. With any kind of luck I'll get it done before going to bed again, and I visualize a not brief commentary. So, please let me know the deadline.

If there is time, I'd like to ask Sylvia to go over it, make suggestions, and fill in the citations, for I have too much on which I am engaged to do that. Aside from what I must do for my own lawyer, I am working on three completed books, one of which is very topical. There is interest in it, so I must get back on that.

I hope your lawyer will understand that I am not trying to practise law. What I will do will be in a form in which, perhaps, it might be added to POST MORTEM III: SECRETS OF THE KENNEDY AUTOPSY, as an appendix, like Tacht's Washington testimony. It may, perhaps, fit there well, for the response to your suit is another classic example of federal semantics, the achieving by the misuse of words what cannot be achieved by fact. There is an enormous amount of deceit, misrepresentation, lying and outright fabrication in it.

Sincerely,



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Dear Harold:

As you can see from the enclosed brief the Washington Government has responded to my suit in Topeka.

Now is the time for ideas. Shall look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

John Nichols

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Encl.