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Dear Harold,

I just came across something which will interest you, if you are not aware of it already. I was going over a book called "The Weight of the Evidence" which is a collection (biased) of pro and anti- WR writings, including your own. You have the book--I saw it on your shelves near Lil's office when I was there last.

I was reading a lousy article by Jacob Cohen which is reprinted from the July 11, 1966 issue of the Nation. In it, he talks about his efforts to find out about the pix and X-rays, after Johnson told him at A, in 3/66 that he didn't know where they were. So Cohen wrote SS, and David Acheson answered him:

In a tart note Mr. Acheson informed me that the Service had turned ~~XXXX~~ all of its material over to the commission or the archives and that the "X-ray films were made available to the Commission and were in fact used in briefing the Commission staff on the autopsy procedures and results." He said nothing about the photos. (p. 103, WofE)

This was coincident with the SS statement given to Hoch on 6/21/66, as reprinted in PM. But I thought it important that you know the info that the X-rays were used to brief the staff was published in mid-1966, for what little notice it might have gotten. In fact, Cohen disputes this SS contention, and says Specter told him the X-rays were "not available."

Best,

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