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Dear Jim,

I'm sorry CBS did not report the contents of my affidavit. I think it has news as well as historical and legal significance. I do hope that someone at CBS becomes familiar with it because there is a good prospect that it can have future significance. One possibility can mean embarrassment for CBS.

The scientific panel considering the Dallas police tape and other matters at the request of the Department of Justice is long overdue in issuing its report. A very dependable source says that this has been arranged by a member who is an adversary and has been used to push a position by CBS. In fact, I have records in which he boasts of his CBS connections and his use of them to promote his side of the controversy. The information is that he has been able to delay the report as part of a campaign to get it changed in accord with his preconceptions.

Luis Alvarez, I'm told by a physicist who knows him well, was actually offered the chairmanship of the panel but even he recognized that as chairman he'd face more flak than he wanted to face.

As part of his campaign against critics of the official solution to the JFK assassination Alvarez was able to get ERDA, then successor to AEC, to subsidize his work by getting it to provide him with prepaid reprints of an article he wrote. ERDA, by the way, is a defendant in the FOIA suit in which I filed the affidavit.

Best wishes,

Harold Weisberg