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Dear Mr. Susson, EMK's administrative subcommittee counsel

Please excuse the haste of this pre-dawn update on what I told you when we met. I understand the conference began two days ago. Should it be of need or use, Lesar and I will make the transcript I described to you available before publication, which should be soon now.

I have gone through my files and illuminated it with many FBI, Secret Service and CIA reports plus other pages of the once TOP SECRET Warren Commission executive sessions. Part of a page of one is enclosed. In it you will see one of the early efforts to pin responsibility for planned suppression on the surviving Kennedys.

The book is completed except for the index and the addition of a few other documents that can't be decided upon until the space taken by the index is known. Lesar is coming here later today. He will take what is ready for the camera back with him so the pictures for offset reproduction can be made and copies can be available should there be any desire for them.

The combination of the evidence, all in facsimile - the transcripts, the other documents and the excerpts from the court records, particularly the exposure of the phoney affidavit on "national security" and the illegal "TOP SECRET" stamping plus Allen Dulles' own words that he and Hoover and all under them were regular and willing perjurers - might be effective in countering what I understand to be the Hruska line.

Lesar and I will be leaving for New York Sunday for a meeting with a publisher who expressed interest after reading the first two-thirds of what I have written. We plan to return Wednesday if either of us can be of any help on the amendment fight.

Whether or not we reach an agreement with this publisher, we hope to have bound copies of the completed work in two weeks or less. We plan to send a copy to each Member, both Houses. I do believe it would be a good idea for you to have a full understanding of what this book means aside from FOI significance. Before there can be questions.

I still believe the possibilities for Watergate defense misuse of this transcript exist, for Nixon's justification and for the defense of his once closest, another reason for our rush.

Nixon's release of parts - and severely edited parts - of his 6/23/72 transcripts is not the full truth he pretends. The key date in transcripts is three days earlier, in documents the day before that (and I have that document, as you do but probably are not aware of it). I am in the planned penultimate chapter of my Watergate books. His release and the House Judiciary Committee's work require no changes in what I have done. There are parts of these 6/23 transcripts the media people have not understood. They affirm what I have written that is new. In the sense of having been unreported. The story is much more Byzantine than what has been reported, including by the committees. The 6/23 transcripts is anything but the exculpation of the CIA yesterday's Post headlined. And whether knowingly or not, there was CIA involvement in the anti-Kennedy aspects partially reported. Including payment of Hunt by executive-branch funds, not White House only.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg