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Dear Sid,

After reading the Washington Post story of yesterday quoting Dr. Russell Morgan as saying that JFK was hit four inches higher in the head than the Bethesda doctors has reported and that the Commission had overlooked this, I wrote Mr. Martin in Ted Kennedy's office. I am sorry I forgot to make a carbon for Mac. The information is not new. I have it in a book I have not been able to get printed that I completed in early 1969. Morgan's "explanation" that it proves the Commission correct, aside from leaving unexplained how any responsible people could make so enormous an error, is based on what no sensible child would credit, that as a result of muscular spasms the President's body was hurled violently backward. If Mac should ever want to see it, I have a better copy of the Zapruder film than the Archives, and what Morgan alleges is not only physically impossible but visibly didn't happen as he says. Morgan's problem is not made clear in this rewrite of wire-service copy: he is one of four men on Ramsey Clark's panel of experts and in their report, which I also have, they are careful not only not to say there was any error, while they are just as careful to record fact that proves egregious error, but they go out of their way to say they confirm the medical conclusions, which they don't even refer to.

It is no less a mess than I have always told Mac. Not one thing has yet happened or come to light to cast the most insignificant doubt on any of my work. And this story may be the beginning of the new scandalous treatment I predicted, for it comes at the beginning of the week in which the first critical examination of the withheld materials is to be made. Morgan has had four years to say what he did and for those four years was silent. The coincidence seems a bit too much. The man to make the examination is an authentic expert but he goes in with unclean hands, I regret to say, and may be subject to rather stiff criticism that will discredit him if it is used, and that will make a ~~stink~~ new mess. I am inclined to doubt that he will rush to the papers after he sees this stuff covered by the dubious contract. So, if Mac wants any kind of backgrounding on the fact and situation after he returns from Miami, I will go there for it. This pathologist plans two days at the Archives, the first on the material covered by the USA-family contract, the second on "other things". He is so ill prepared or so ignorant he doesn't realize that he can't make an adequate inventory and comparison on the film and photographic material alone in one day, leave alone make a competent examination of it for there are more pieces of it than has been realized, about 250. I rather suspect the second day is dedicated to a legalized larceny, the theft of what I have forced out of suppression and copyrighted but don't own. This man had most of it from me, agreeing to confidentiality, and seems to have concocted this means of purloining it. He can profit professionally from this in several ways, including by what amounts to advertising his malpractice business.

So, in a way, I may be a victim if less hurtfully than Teddy and the rest of the family. And if there is attention to the "error", it will, inevitably, be incomplete and out of context, as I explained to you and Mac.

I remembered this in starting to write you about something else with which I hope you can help me. A psychiatrist at the U of Md. Institute of Psychiatry has told me of an EPA-sponsored conference on noise, including its psychological effects. It was held in Boston and the transcript was supposed to have been put in the Congressional record in December 1971. I asked if he meant that a committee printed it and he insisted the whole thing in in the Record. I would like a copy very much if you can get it. Or to be able to borrow one and copy what I might want if no copies are available. Our suit for helicopter damage is now scheduled to be tried soon.

Once I asked you if you could put me in touch with any of the responsible ecological groups that visit Congressional offices. I have heard recently of the Environmental Defense Fund. Do you know any of these people and how they may be reached, or of them who you consider best informed, etc.?

Best regards,

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